

YUSA THANKS YOU



We believe that our 16 day strike at York University will prove to be a significant one. A young union, composed mostly of women has demonstrated how essential the work of YUSA members is to the University. We have shown that workers in the public sector can successfully fight back against cutbacks aimed at the lowest paid workers. We have shown that when the cause is just, men and women, students and faculty, secretaries and tradesmen will unite to support the struggle.

But we did not win our struggle alone.

From the day the strike began we were deluged with support from both on and off campus. The other unions at York — YUFA, CUPE Local 1230, the Operating Engineers, the GAA — came to our assistance immediately. A sizeable section of the York student body identified with our struggle and organized to aid us. Trade unionists, women's groups and concerned individuals from as far away as Vancouver Island sent messages of support. Thousands of dollars were contributed to our strike fund — without an official appeal for funds having been sent out.

Two large demonstrations of public support were cancelled after we reached a tentative agreement on October 3rd. A public rally had

been scheduled for that evening, to which top elected representatives of the largest public service unions in the Toronto area had agreed to attend. And a Women's Day Rally on the picket line, endorsed by scores of women's groups across the province had also been planned for October 4th.

We had just begun to tap all the resources at our disposal, all the generous offers, the shrewd advice.

For all this we are deeply grateful. Your support was vital in carrying on the struggle; it was also a major factor in bringing the University administration back to the bargaining table prepared to negotiate.

We have won a small victory but this is hardly the end of our struggle. On the picket lines a new York community began to emerge — a real community, made up of support staff, faculty and students — brought together in a common struggle over issues that relate directly to our lives at York. We must continue to build this community and work together against the cutbacks in higher education, for equal pay for work that is generally performed by women and for a University that recognizes the needs of *all* who work and study here.

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