

# Student boycott begins as workers gain union status

The CYSF-run boycott of the lucrative Central Square cafeteria got under way as scheduled early Wednesday morning, but by press time, Wednesday noon, it was still not clear what affect it would have on York students' eating habits.

Positioning themselves at the two entrances into the cafeteria, the picketers tried to soft sell students into not entering the cafeteria.

"We're asking that people not eat here for the next two days as a protest against high prices," Paul Kellogg, member of the ULC and

CYSF, told anyone attempting to enter the cafeteria.

A few hours later, there was another person at the turnstiles leading into the diner urging people to avoid the cafeteria. Boycotters told students to either use the vending machines at the clubs room entrance to the cafeteria or to go to CYSF for a 10 cent coffee.

"Right now a lot of people are using the vending machines, which is alright with us, since they're our machines," said Bing Hoddinott, Commercial catering manager.

Hoddinott and the cashiers in the cafeteria agreed that it was still too early to tell what affect the boycott would have on sales. While the cafeteria was full by 11:00 a.m., few were eating.

Meanwhile, one of the major areas of conflict between the CYSF and Commercial Caterers, the hiring of non-union workers over the summer, was partly solved, Tuesday.

Paul Farkas, vice president of Commercial Caterers, said

Wednesday morning that he has notified the Labour Relations Board that Commercial does not plan to interfere with their workers' attempts to become unionized.

"In effect we are currently undergoing negotiations to sign a contract with the same union as the old Versafood workers belonged to," said Farkas.

He said that the boycott did not influence his stand on the union, and that the timing was purely coincidental.

Farkas told Excalibur that he would keep the Central Square cafeteria open for the two-day boycott, but could not guarantee it would remain in operation if the boycott were extended.

Ritch, last Friday, requested that the university cancel classes so that a maximum number of students could attend the Thursday noon rally which will decide the future of the boycott.

As of press time, the York administration had given no statement on Ritch's request.

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## Senate tenure report hits Glendon hardest, soc. dept. is shattered

By OAKLAND ROSS

A senate report on tenure and promotion may "completely shatter" the Glendon College sociology department, said department chairman Jean Burnet this week.

The report, presented at the September meeting of the York senate gave negative recommendations to four of the eight members of Glendon's sociology department who applied for tenure last year. The rest were given delay recommendations (suggesting that their applications should be postponed for another year.)

York president H. Ian Macdonald is currently reviewing the applications. If he upholds the senate recommendations, Glendon's sociology department will lose over a third of its 11 faculty members. (Candidates for tenure whose cases are denied lose their jobs effective the year following the notice of their denial of tenure.)

For several weeks rumours have circulated among faculty members at York that the latest senate tenure and promotion report is an attempt to pare down faculty in the face of cutbacks in government funding to universities.

Of 134 assistant and associate professors who applied for tenure at York last year, only 67 were given positive recommendations by the senate committee. Forty-three others were given delay recommendations; 23 were given negative recommendations, and one resigned.

The comparable figures for 1973-74 were 91 positive recommendations among 123 applications. In 1972-73, there were 80 positive recommendations among 95 applications.

(According to senate guidelines,

recommendations for tenure are based on three broad criteria: teaching, scholarship and service to the university. Demonstrated superiority in at least one of these and competence in all three are required for a positive recommendation.)

Questioned about the discrepancy between the recommendations of last year's committee and those of previous committees, tenure and promotion committee chairman Graeme McKechnie, denied that his committee used new or different criteria in making its recommendations.

"The guidelines we used were consistent with what has been practised in the past," he said.

Glendon College was hardest hit by the report.

In 1973-74, 22 of 28 applications for tenure (85 per cent) from assistant or associate professors at Glendon College were given positive recommendations by the university senate. This year, only six of 20 applications (30 per cent) received positive recommendations.

The Glendon College tenure and promotion committee had given 18 positive recommendations and two delay recommendations before forwarding the applications to the senate committee.

Chairman of the Glendon sociology department, Jean Burnet, is hopeful that Macdonald will overturn the senate recommendations.

"I was startled by every case in which our recommendation was reversed by the senate," she said. "But President Macdonald has stated that no different directions were taken or are to be taken in the granting of tenure. To my knowledge, the president has always been a man of his word."

It has been suggested that the extremely high number of the negative recommendations given to faculty from Glendon College is the beginning of a phase-out of Glendon.

But Jack Grantstein, president of the York faculty association, doubts the validity of these suggestions.

"There is just too much 'conspiracy theory' in all of that," he said. "I think the senate committee tried to do its work honestly."

Chairman of the Psychology department at York, N.S. Endler, suggested at the September senate

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Vandals are turning out to be a serious problem on campus, causing as much as \$30,000 a year damage to university property. Signs above are

too mutilated to be saved said experts from Milva Auto Body shop. More damage on page 10.

## Bethune election will change nothing

By ANNA VAITIEKUNAS

Bethune College will continue to remain outside of the Council of York Student Federation regardless of the results of to-day's by-elections, Excalibur learned at a candidates' meeting held at the college, Tuesday.

The by-election was called last week to fill the positions of chairman, vice-chairman, and two positions for freshman representatives to the council.

The former chair positions were held by Alez Andronache and Phillip Rasminki, who forfeited their positions over the summer.

The Bethune candidates were opposed to the idea of joining CYSF

basically because they viewed it as an 'incompetent organization' that did nothing.

James McMurdo, former chairman of Bethune council and candidate for the chair this year, told Excalibur, "I view the CYSF as a laying duck organization."

McMurdo said that his past experience as chairman showed that the college derived more benefits by remaining unrepresented by the CYSF than they would get if they joined.

"We get more done our way," he said.

McMurdo and another candidate for chairman agreed that if Dale Ritch and the CYSF could prove

themselves to be a vital force at York, then the council would consider the possibility of joining CYSF. Both candidates maintained that they supported Ritch and his political programme.

Candidate for the chair, James Hefferman, said that although he would not endorse any plans to join CYSF, he would negotiate with Ritch over the allocation of funds for joint projects between the two councils.

In the past, Bethune College has held a referendum on the CYSF question every second year.

Last year's referendum brought in a 12 to one vote margin in favour of remaining separate from CYSF.

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