

Yeomen win for 55 min. - lose after 60

By Kim Llewellyn

Despite heavy rain, crowd support was strong as the York Yeoman football team lost to Guelph 17-15 last Saturday on a field of mud behind Tait McKenzie.

"People came in cars and honked their horns in support of York," says coach Dick Aldridge. "It was a real reassurance to the team."

Guelph scored 14 of its points on two touchdowns in first five minutes of play. For the next 55 minutes, the Yeomen outscored them 15-3.

Both teams did their scoring when the wind was behind them.

The deciding play of the game was

an attempted field goal kicked by York's Bill Petsku.

"The ball was dead centre," says Aldridge of the field goal attempt, "but the force of the wind just carried it away."

York's first touchdown was made by Mike Foster on a quarterback sneak near the beginning of the second half. Rookie John Trevisan carried the ball 30 yards off tackle for the second Yeomen touchdown.

"Trevisan is definitely one of our plusses," says Aldridge.

York hosts McMaster this Saturday.



Bryon Johnson photo

If only this field goal had connected...

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Grad talks, collapse, strike is imminent

By Agnes Kruchio

Within as little as three weeks, York University could be faced with a strike by about 850 graduate assistants, following the failure of conciliation talks between the university and the union representing part-time professors and graduate teaching assistants.

Issues include salary increases, job security, extended health and dental care, limits to class size and a review of arbitration and grievance procedures.

At the core of the dispute is a grievance by about 30 science teaching assistants who, because of the nature of their jobs, union spokesmen say, have worked up to 50 per cent more than stipulated in the contract. They mark papers and set up and dismantle equipment for laboratory sessions.

The Graduate Assistants Association (GAA) has offered to drop the grievance, which it claims would cost the university over \$20,000 for a \$5,000 settlement and other demands being met.

The association had last asked for \$3,100 a course to be paid to teaching assistants instead of the current \$2,700. They want a minimum of \$3,600 instead of the current \$3,100 for course directors and \$1,500 instead of \$1,300 for college tutors. The university has offered increases averaging 6.5%, the distribution of which would be left up to the union.

"Because of the job crisis in the academic job market in the 1970's, many PhDs and near-PhDs are forced to piece together a career out of part-time work," said Ilene Crawford, executive coordinator for the union. •see GRAD page 3



Pictured above, a scene from the "York Cycle", a series of mediaeval plays performed from beginning to end for the first time in 400 years this weekend at the University of Toronto. See page 13 for more info. Grant Kennedy photo.

Union staff greets first wage offer with groans

By Ted Mumford

The conditional vote to strike made by York University Staff Association (YUSA) members on September 21 and 22 has been annulled by a York administration offer of a wage increase of 6.5 per cent and 50 per cent payment of a dental plan. The offer was made during conciliation meetings last Tuesday and Wednesday.

At the same meetings YUSA made a counter-offer of 10 per cent or \$1,000 (whichever is greater for individual members) plus university payment of 75 per cent of the dental plan. (YUSA's original wage increase proposal for 1977-78 was 13.5 per cent or \$1350 and 100 per cent of the dental plan.)

These and other results of last week's meetings among YUSA and university bargaining committees and a ministry of labour conciliation offers were announced at two lunch-hour YUSA information sessions held Monday.

The wage offer was greeted by the YUSA members present with disappointed but unsurprised groans.

Although negotiations have been underway since June, last week's is the only offer the university has made to YUSA. Lauma Avens, president of YUSA, told members their 81 per cent vote to strike if necessary may have precipitated the offer.

Avens told the meetings that the university has insisted on a "straight percentage" increase, with no minimum sum requirement. The minimum was proposed by YUSA to benefit the lowest-paid members.

D.J. Mitchell, director of personnel services at York, maintains that the lower-grade YUSA members are being paid competitively and the wages paid higher grade members are no longer competitive.

Avens says, "We cannot accept a straight percentage increase. The lower grades are not getting competitive wages."

A wage survey conducted by YUSA in 1976 revealed its members were at least 1000 behind unionized workers in equivalent positions at Ontario Hydro, Toronto City Hall, the Ontario government and the Toronto Board of Education.

The consensus at the Monday meetings was that the university's offer was unacceptable. One member questioned whether the university, facing a decrease in enrolment this year, could afford to make a larger offer.

To this, another YUSA member replied, "The number of students may be down, but TTC tickets and everything else are up!"

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A "bad boy" and a rich boy

BOG adds two corporate heads

By Agnes Kruchio

Only three meetings after making its gatherings open to the public, the York University Board of Governors went into closed session early this week to install two new members among its ranks. 33-year-old Conrad Black, director of Argus Corporation, chairman of Sterling Newspapers Ltd of Dominion Malting Ltd., president of Western Dominion Investment Ltd., and author of a book on Duplessis; and Mel Lastman, third term mayor of North York and one-time founder and owner of Bad Boy Furniture and Appliances Ltd., were elected to the university's Board of Governors, bringing its total membership to 30.

In making the nominations, chairman of the Board Bertrand Gerstein said, "It is our feeling that the university is basically a social institution, and its primary responsibility is to the community."

"That is why it is important to have faculty and students on the board," he added. There are two students, an alumnus and two professors on the board.

"We have analyzed the composition of the board, and found that out of the 28 present members, we have 11 from the corporate and financial world, three from law, seven from the fields of education, arts, labour and communications, and five from faculty, students and alumni." "The nominations committee has an interesting problem," he observed.

"It has to find individuals for the board to make for a broad representation of the community." That is why the two names in question were suggested he said.

But Harvey Pinder, recently elected student representative, said that if the board wished to be representative of the community, it should extend membership on the board to "those who work for a wage." He said that at present the only labour representative is David Archer, past president of the Ontario Federation of Labour.

Discussing a possible conflict of interest an active politician such as mayor Lastman might find in being on York's Board of governors, Sonja Bata, of Bata Ltd., noted

that it might be difficult to separate the individual from the politician who might want to speak out on political issues, once at board meetings.

But the remainder of the discussion of the virtues of the candidates took place behind closed doors. In closing the meeting to reporters from *Excalibur* and the *Gazette*, an official York publication, Gerstein said, "It is at the discretion of the chairman, upheld by the board, that to discuss appointments . . . the meetings may be closed." • See BOG page 3

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Seven of 14 student council hopefuls showed up at Tuesday's all-candidates debate. They had many promises, many differences and a few things in common, page 3.

An exclusive interview with Joseph Strick, academy-award winning film director; He talks about capturing magic, page 8.

We review York Cabaret's first offering of the new season; Roustabout, on page 13.

And on page 16, read all the sports news, including a lot you didn't know about one of Ontario's best waterpolo teams, right here at York.

That's right here, this week, in Excalibur.