

Dale Ritch prepares for battle with standby enemies

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"We'll lose a little money," Ritch told the council, "but then there are always political strings on any loans from this administration."

He would not elaborate. In August and early September, Ritch was busily preparing for another confrontation. The dismissal of more than half of Ver-safood's union workers when the university handed its catering con-

tracts to smaller, independent companies gave Ritch the opportunity to rally old allies (the union and the workers) in opposition to the standby enemies (the administration and the caterers).

The results of his manoeuvring have yet to materialize, but among the upcoming possibilities is a student boycott of Commercial Caterers and an on-

campus picketing of the new caterers by the Restaurant, Cafeteria and Tavern Employees Union.

"We're going all out on this one," said Ritch, last Thursday, "and heads are going to roll. If it doesn't work, mine may be the first."

Ritch has always had a flair for the dramatic, and what could be more theatrical than the telegrams sent to Kent and Jackson State universities by the Council, commemorating the casualties during the student protests of five years ago, and denouncing the imperialist U.S. government.

Although in bad taste, the telegram leaves little doubt about where the ULS stands. (Full text of telegram on editorial page.)

RADICAL LEFT

In varying degrees, the ULS members occupy the radical left position in the political spectrum, and when unopposed, they often relate only to the left.

Despite claims of openness, the ULS's secretary and book-keeper (Alice Klein and Chris Spanos, respectively) are both leftist, and when an editor was needed for student handbook, they didn't look very far to find Paul Kellogg, also a ULS member.

To what extent the candidates' political leaning, influenced these appointments cannot be determined, for Kellogg and Klein are both competent people. The same, however, cannot be said of Spanos, of whom Ritch said last week, "he doesn't know how to keep books."

Spanos was fired Tuesday.

The ULS's distrust of non-leftists surfaced when Bill Bain's candidacy for Council speaker was rejected because of his controversial role in the election tribunal last spring. Henry Goldberg will probably be rejected as chief returning officer, for similar reasons.

It shouldn't surprise anyone familiar with Ritch that the council has become more involved with off-campus issues than any previous council.

LEWIS HERE

The CYSF devoted time and money to the support of the NDP in today's provincial election, including sponsoring a rally featuring NDP leader Stephen Lewis. The Council is planning a series of forums on controversial people and issues which will reunite York with the outside world.

But the ULS's radicalism has led the council into problems as well. When Horace Campbell came to the council asking for a \$300 grant to complete his research paper on Idi Amin, Uganda's modern-day Nero, he walked off with \$500.

Ritch and other ULSers now say they regret giving Campbell the money.

ULSer Mike Hollett also said he regretted the \$300 given to the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Association, for a rally on Ukrainian dissent in the middle of the summer, because few students were in a position to participate.

A \$1,000 loan to the financially plagued National Union of Students can also be said to be of dubious merit. The NUS have done little to deserve the trust, and the ULS have no real guarantee that the money will ever be repayed.

EXPLOSIVE MIX

Enthusiasm and radicalism sometimes form an explosive mixture, and the ULS, which possesses both these qualities, have not passed through the summer unscathed. But the council is far from hesitant in implementing some of the promises of last spring's promise-filled election campaign.

Ritch discredited charges levied at him by his opponents that the ULS cared little for social events and wanted the destruction of the college councils by forming the York University social committee in co-operation with the councils.

It was a strategic move which, temporarily at least, silenced many of his critics.

But fundamentally, Ritch believes the CYSF would be more democratic if the college delegates (college councils appointed representatives) were out of the CYSF. He plans a spring referendum to give student backing to his wishes.

Ritch's view that clubs are an important priority of a university student government will lend support to York's present clubs, as well as increase the possibilities of new clubs forming, in a favourable funding environment.

Already a media collective has been formed under the leadership of Robert Kasher (Homily) bringing together York's media-leftists to produce left-slanted news and feature programs.


The CYSF has several members in the collective and will fund it on a per project basis. (The collective will also seek other means of funding, and CBC radio is already down for close to \$2,000 for two half-hour shows.)

When Ritch was asked if he would fund a media collective of the right, he replied, "We do, Radio York."

That's a side of the council president few people have seen, Ritch's sense of humour.

Without a doubt there will be many more facets of Ritch and the ULS coming to the fore in the next months, because neither Ritch nor the ULS have built their reputations on maintaining low profiles.

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YUSA certification near; now up to Labour Board

York University Staff Association received last Friday a verbatim report from the Ontario Labour Relations Board stating the testimony of 29 persons who are representative of 75 disputed staff members.

The report is a preamble to a formal hearing at the Labour Board when it will determine which of the 75 positions should be included in the bargaining unit YUSA is presently seeking.

Gabriel Paddle, YUSA president says the 75 staff members are in dispute because "the university feels that these people are holding managerial and confidential positions for YUSA."

The next step in YUSA's movement for union status will be up to the Labour Board, which must decide on the level of YUSA membership as of December 30, 1974. If 65 per cent of the bargain-

ing unit are YUSA members, then it will be eligible for certification.

But if there is less than 65 per cent, then YUSA members will vote on campus on whether they want union representation.

Paddle said that most YUSA members want union representation so that they can start bargaining meetings with the university for a new contract. Paddle said the main issues in the contract will be wage increases and retroactivity.

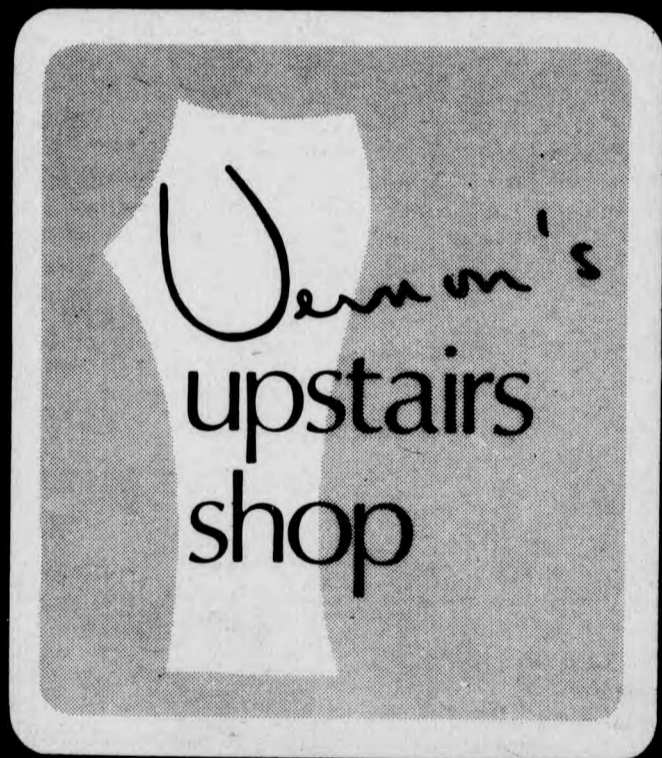
According to a recent Women's Newsletter, York University employees receive an average of \$2,088 less in salary than other public service employees in Canada.

The final decision on the outcome of the 75 disputed persons rests with the Ontario Labour Relations Board, which is expected to make its decision towards the end of October.

C.Y.S.F. NOTICE CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER

Nominations are now open for the position of Chief Returning Officer. Candidates should have some electoral experience. Preference will be given to persons who have had previous electoral experience in the conduct of elections. REMUNERATION WILL DEPEND ON QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE.

Candidates may obtain forms from C.Y.S.F., Room 105 Central Square. Nominations will be closing on September 30, 1975.



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