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Girls go for the gusto!

A 20-win, no loss season for the field hockey Yeowomen enters the newly crowned Ontario champs into the CIAU finals. Action runs today 'till Sunday at Lamport Stadium.

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CUEW ratifies contract

John Molendyk

Negotiations between the Canadian Union of Educational Workers and York University ended last week as CUEW members voted to accept the administration's contract offer.

The vote, taken over a five-day period, showed 75 per cent of CUEW members in favor of accepting the package.

Some features of the agreement are:

- an overall 11 per cent pay increase
- a \$200 tuition rebate for TA's
- general job posting
- better grievance language
- agreement in principle on class size.

There were significant changes to almost every item in the current contract, but the union failed to gain concessions on two major points, the amalgamation of the TA and part-time units, and budget cutbacks.

CUEW Chief Negotiator and Steward Leslie Sanders indicated this week that the union will approach the university administration in a few weeks to discuss the establishment of a committee to study the class size question. The committee, to be made up of interested parties and students, will also address the issue of TA overwork.

Ms. Sanders said that although no headway was made on the cutback issue, the union hopes that sufficient pressure will be exerted on the administration by members of the York community at large to stop future cutbacks.

CUEW also plans to meet this week to discuss strategy in regard to the budgetary memo circulated last week by Dean of Arts Harold Kaplan. The memo proposes reductions in part-time staff.



David Himbara

Chief Negotiator Leslie Sanders articulates a point in last week's bear-pit session.

Nuclear waste storage blasted by U of T council

(CUP) - The University of Toronto should speed up the schedule for moving chemical wastes says the student council on that campus.

At a council meeting October 22 a motion was passed which urges that:

- the administration advance the schedule for moving the chemical waste off campus and take immediate action to install a mechanical ventilation system to reduce the health hazard in the transition period.
- the administration increase the frequency of moving the radioactive waste out of the current disposal site, institute bi-weekly radiation level readings for public knowledge, and take measures to ensure children are not playing near the storage door
- the new radioactive waste storage facility be subject to more stringent safety standards

Council member David Martin cited a report issued by the radiation protection services

which states, "at one foot from the source (the university storage access door), radiation levels of up to 180 microrentgens per hour were found. These levels dropped to 45 microrentgens approximately five feet from the door. I understand this area is used only as a walkway."

Martin said 10 microrentgens per hour is the normal level.

University government commissioner David Grindal said a "tempest in a teapot" was being created over the question of chemical and radioactive waste storage at the U of T.

"If I wore four wrist watches I'd get more radiation than a worker walking by the door," he said.

Peter Martin, a student councillor, said he would not wear four wrist watches.

"I know about radiation," he said. "There is no safe level of radiation. It takes just one portion to cause cancer."

Constitution debated

Neil Wiberg

The Federal government's travelling constitution show arrived at York yesterday. In contrast to the circus held in the House of Commons last month, yesterday's meeting featured calm, rational debate.

Osgoode's Moot Court was packed to capacity as hundreds of students came to listen to the panel of two politicians and three York professors.

Solicitor General Robert Kaplan and Secretary of State for External Affairs Mark MacGuigan represented the federal government.

History professor Ramsey Cook, Ken McRoberts of the Political Science Department and Osgoode Law professor Harry Arthurs were also on the panel.

MacGuigan opened by stating that the provinces did not object to the substantive provisions of the resolution.

He claimed that there were objections because "the provinces believe that they are losing their bargaining power."

MacGuigan expressed confi-

dence that the British Parliament will pass the Canadian resolution. His recent discussions with U.K. authorities provide the basis for his optimism, he said.

The Charter of Rights was mentioned by MacGuigan, as the most important part of the resolution.

Cook agreed with the method of unilateral action used by the federal government, but expressed some reservations about the content of the proposed resolution. His major criticism was that the minority language provisions did not go far enough.

The York history professor argued eloquently for strengthened Franco-Ontarian rights. The proposed resolution only deals with minority language education rights and does not guarantee a bilingual legislature or bilingual courts.

"The resolution holds back timidly on language rights," Cook stated. "This is different than the rights of the Quebec anglophone minority."

Arthurs discussed the principle

of entrenchment. He characterized the Diefenbaker Bill of Rights as a "dismal failure." He was no more optimistic about the proposed resolution.

"It creates false hopes which it cannot satisfy."

Arthurs and MacGuigan disagreed on the merits of the U.S. constitution's First Amendment. MacGuigan believed that the American Supreme Court did a better job of protecting civil liberties that did the various legislatures. Arthurs argued that the American judiciary hindered social reform.

A rating of the resolution was offered by Arthurs. "Civil libertarians will applaud with one hand, law and order freaks will applaud with one hand but lawyers will applaud with two hands. The resolution will certainly create a lot of work for lawyers."

McRoberts disagreed with the strategy employed by the federal

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