

"It's a rotten, cheap trick"

Food service committee dumps finance chief

By JULIAN BELTRAME

"This was nothing but a political act. Bullshit about the attendance and bullshit about the work; the work was done. It was just a political act," said John Montgomery after an eight to five vote of the University Food Service Committee Monday dismissed him from the chair of the finance sub-committee.

The actual ousting of Mont-



John Montgomery

gomerie was a tense and embarrassing move, in which the procedure followed proved to be more informative than the facts presented for and against the ex-chairman.

Acting chairman Mike Hennessy, filling in for absent Peter Jarvis, temporarily gave the chair to Peter Charness in order to present the case of the executive sub-committee, which had asked for Montgomery's resignation on December 6.

"The executive sub-committee met on December 6, at which time the position of the chairman of the finance sub-committee was considered," Hennessy began. "It was decided to ask for John Montgomery's resignation for lack of attendance."

The text of the executive sub-committee's report, dated January 10, reads:

• J. Montgomery has missed five of the six meetings he was expected to attend since Nov. 22.



Peter Charness

• J. Montgomery, since election as Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee, has yet to convene a meeting of his Sub-Committee.

• J. Montgomery failed to prepare a financial report for the UFSC meeting of 2 December.

"This is the kind of padded attitude toward exaggerated negligence on my part which appears throughout the report," countered Montgomery. "I received no notices of any meetings

after December 6, and so I have missed only two meetings of which I was aware".

Hennessy dismissed Montgomery's defence by claiming to have phoned Montgomery's office and left a recorded message with the answering service.

Confusion surrounded Hennessy's claim when Montgomery told the committee that his answering service had been inoperative since July. Montgomery offered an official receipt to prove his case, but it was never requested by any members of the committee.

"I would suggest that the best way to leave this is as a point of contention," interrupted chairman Charness; he urged the committee to dispense with the Montgomery matter quickly so that more important business could be pursued.

Answering the charge that he had failed to file a financial report, Montgomery pointed to the report of December 2, submitted to the



Peter Jarvis

committee by chairman Peter Jarvis.

"I don't want to say that Jarvis plagiarized the report, but I don't know what else to call it," said Montgomery. He explained that the report had been given to Jarvis for typing on November 29.

Montgomery dismissed the committee's charge that he failed to call a sub-committee meeting as irrelevant, because "a lot of sub-committees haven't met".

"I'm on the sub-committee on
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Faculty association makes 'big mistake', charges GAA pres.

By OAKLAND ROSS

A recruitment struggle is currently developing between the graduate assistants' association and the York faculty association, both of which have laid claim to representing York's part-time teaching staff.

The GAA has been soliciting signatures from part-time teachers as well as from graduate assistants since last September as a part of its bid for unionization. According to GAA president Mark Golden, the association already has 340 signatures, over 100 of which belong to part-time faculty.

YUFA, on the other hand, has only recently begun to recruit part-time teachers for its membership. YUFA president Harvey Simmons referred to the disagreement with the GAA as "a friendly conflict."

Golden, however, said that "the conflict is friendly only in the sense that they (YUFA) haven't done us any harm yet. But they started to recruit part-timers behind our backs, and that was a big mistake."

According to Golden, the GAA expects to have 400 signatures by early February. This is "well over" the 35 per cent of eligible signatures necessary in order to call the referendum, which will determine whether or not the GAA will take its bid for certification to the Ontario Labour Relations Board.

Golden explained that the reason for the high number of signatures is that "we want to have a buffer zone, since we expect there will be some squabbles with the university administration over who is and who isn't eligible to vote."

Golden added that he wasn't "too concerned" about YUFA's claim to represent part-time teachers, "just as long as they (YUFA) don't make life difficult for us at the Labour Relations Board."

Simmons has already warned that "there are some members of the faculty association who will probably demand that YUFA formally object to the GAA's representation of part-timers, and if so, YUFA will have to object."

Caught in the middle of this struggle are York's more than 500 part-time teachers, most of whom have not yet signed with either YUFA or the GAA.

David Godfrey, a part-time lecturer in English, said this week that "unionization is the key for part-time teachers and, in that sense, the GAA is attractive. But most part-timers probably identify more closely with the faculty association."

"Perhaps the best answer is a merger of the two associations," he added.



As gale winds lashed the campus over the weekend, student Bill Brown helped this front-end loader keep the Atkinson bus shelter from over-

turning. A hefty chain and two missing window panes eased the pressure.

Report on Versa released

Study blasts 'bad housekeeping'

By JULIAN BELTRAME

During the past summer, Paul Johnston Associates were solicited by the York administration to conduct a study of the food services on campus.

The report, which cost somewhere between \$4,000 and \$5,000, was completed on November 26, and was first circulated to the food services committee on January 7.

As a direct result of the Johnston Report, Central Square has already resumed hot meal operations.

Since the report's release, opinions have differed greatly concerning its worth and content.

Most critical of the report was Peter Jarvis, chairman of the university food service committee, who said, "The report just appalled me."

"It is utterly useless in view of the

fact that Versafood might not be here next year. They (the consultants) have criticized something (single caterer service) that may be the last of its kind."

Norman Crandles of Ancillary Services expressed a more favourable view of the report.

"I thought it was extremely good value for the money. The recommendations with regard to the present caterer's operations were very positive."

Assistant vice-president Harry Knox said, "It really wasn't a terribly exciting report, in view of the fact that they (the consultants) made some far-reaching recommendations for change at other universities."

But he added, "It was a useful report."

Jarvis criticized York's administration for soliciting the

report without consulting the food services committee, and said the university must look for an alternative to Versafood.

"We see no option to another consulting firm being hired," he said. "I do not see how we can go into another contract with this caterer."

"The report was not meant to study the options open to the university," said Crandles. "It was only meant as a critique of our present food services."

Following are excerpts from the Johnston report:

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The cycle menu is established for the whole university, and therefore the menu in complex one and two should be the same. In practice there is quite a variance in the food being offered in the two complexes. The reason for this would appear to

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