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Basic Income Units #3977241 and #6987869 gaily trudge across York tundra to the end of the decade. Story on page 11.

Profs seek revised status

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Hearings before an arbitration board began last Thursday to determine whether seven York professors' appointments had been properly classified as contractually limited. The seven concerned are Trichy Sankaran, Terry Heinrichs, Frank Mackenzie, John Picchione, Jos Lennards, Louise Lewin, and Rosalind Gill.

The appearance before the arbitration board headed by U of T law professor David Beatty is the last step in the York University Faculty Association's attempt to have two of the professors, Sankaran and Heinrichs, reinstated and the rest reclassified.

After the lawyer's opening statements, Professor Jan Newson testified on YUFA's behalf. Professor Newson served on the YUFA team which negotiated the union's first contract in 1976, and also on the Joint Committee on the Administration of the Agreement.

Newson stated that after the contract was signed a process was initiated to sort out contractually limited appointments from those in the probationary tenure

stream. These remaining cases are still to be completed. According to YUFA, other faculty in the same position as the seven were given probationary classification, and such procedures should be consistent.

The administration argues however that the process is complete and the professors were properly classified.

Of the group only Heinrichs and Sankaran no longer work at York. The others continued to teach in various capacities on short-term contracts. According to Paul Craven, chairperson of YUFA's Contract and Grievance Committee, "If you put away all the special circumstances of the particular cases and all the legal technicalities, the nub of the issue is that all faculty members should be entitled to fair and equal treatment."

Earlier this year YUFA brought the cases, along with seven others, before the Joint Grievance Committee, composed of individuals selected jointly by the union and administration. YUFA argued that the appointments were misclassified as contractually limited, when in fact they should have been probationary, entitling the professors to be considered for tenure.

Earlier this year, YUFA brought eleven cases before the Joint Grievance Committee, composed jointly by the union and administration. YUFA argued that the appointments were misclassified as contractually limited, when in fact they should have been probationary, entitling the professors to be considered for tenure.

Of the eleven, four were settled by YUFA and the administration following the Joint Grievance Committee hearing. Six of the remaining seven cases were decided in favour of YUFA, but the committee's decisions are not binding and the university administration did not accept the recommendations.

Television libel

Neil Wiberg

The CTV public affairs program W5 appears to be shifting its attention from Margaret Trudeau to university students. During the 1978-79 television season, W5 featured a series of interviews with Margaret Trudeau and unsuccessfully fought an injunction to show its final interview in March.

This season W5 has already aired a controversial segment on foreign students, and plans to run a story on cheating at universities. W5 has reacted angrily to the criticisms levelled against its foreign students program, which was titled "The Campus Giveaway." Several critics have suggested that the program was prejudiced against the Chinese community. Gary Ralph, associate producer of the W5 episode, told *Excalibur* that the program only meant to criticize the Hong Kong Chinese foreign students. Ralph defined a foreign student as a student in Canada on a student visa or a landed immigrant who came to Canada apart from his family.

"Let me tell you about the attitude of these Hong Kong Chinese. They feel that Canada owes them an education. They feel that Canadian students are sub-standard. If anyone disagrees with them, they immediately brand their critics as racist. In fact, the Chinese Canadians do not like the foreign (Hong Kong) students," Ralph stated.

Ralph claims that there have been no rebuttals from any deans or professors, except from those of Chinese origin. "University of Toronto President James Ham did write a letter to the Star but he did not have the nerve to write to us."

W5 claims that they had been told of the foreign student problem by several admissions officers and professors. But none of these sources allowed their names to be used. Ralph alleges that these

officials were afraid of being branded as racists if they "went public."

W5 states they are not worried about the students being in Canada, but they want these students to pay the full cost of their education, which would amount to several thousand dollars a year. Current tuition fees constitute only a small proportion of the true cost of educating a student.

The Chinese Student Association of Metro Toronto has launched a lawsuit against W5 under the Ontario Libel and Slander Act. The Toronto law firm of Pomerant and Devlin has been retained as counsel for the Chinese students.

Rill still talking

Abbe Edelson

Students in Complex II have reached an agreement with caterer Warren Rill, while Complex I students continue their negotiations.

A recent proposal to close down the Winters/McLaughlin Servery an hour earlier in exchange for price reductions on specific food items has been rejected by the Complex I Food Users' Committee, which has requested that Rill increase the number of items included in the price reductions.

Tom Legge, chairperson of the Complex I Food Users Committee, said, "This is the only tactic available to us, to demand more items on the list now because once we accept the proposal, it will be difficult negotiating any further price reductions. Our demands are not outrageous ones. On certain items, Rill seems unreasonable. The price of a single fruit at 35 cents is out of line because there is no preparation involved. The cost of yogurt is ten cents more expensive than at other places on campus."

The CRTC, which regulates broadcasting in Canada, has already received about a dozen formal complaints concerning this broadcast. CRTC spokesman Jeff Gordon told *Excalibur* that "several of the submissions were substantial in nature, and the Commission is very interested in the response."

"The Campus Giveaway" was reported on the air by Helen Hutchinson, now with W5 after a term with *Canada A.M.* The program was produced by Gordon Henderson, who recently completed a stint as an Ottawa staffer for Global TV before moving to CTV.

Rill, however, feels the students' demands are unrealistic. In reference to Complex II agreement, Rill remarked, "The students in Complex I are a little bit more radical. They do not understand the ways of business. They are one-minded, only thinking of themselves. The employees have to be paid." Declared Rill, "I do not make any money from the students. I am happy to break even. It is the summer business and banquet evenings I make money on."

One of the major problems in negotiating with Rill, according to Tom Legge, is that "we are working blindly in our negotiations. Without knowing Rill's costs, it is difficult to negotiate meaningfully." Since Rill is not subsidized by the university to operate his food services, it is not within the usual jurisdiction of the university to request a report of his profits. Norman Crandles, Manager of Food and Beverage Services, explained that the university can only ask to see Rill's books "if the problem is pertinent to the contract."

In Complex II, the Food Users

Committee, Crandles informed, has accepted Rill's proposal to close down 45 minutes early in exchange for price reductions on specific items. Rill has reduced the prices of certain meat items, and offered a special of two vegetables and soup for \$1.00. He has saved on his cost by closing 45 minutes earlier each weekday, closing the sandwich bar at dinner, and opening an hour later on Sunday mornings.

Mimi Zucker, chairperson of the Complex II Food Users Committee, is satisfied with the agreement with Rill. "Since the time of the proposal, there has not been any flack from the students about the quality or price of food," she said. "It is important to work closely with Warren Rill, to understand what realistically be lowered in price." With reference to Rill and his partner, she declared, "They were patient and willing to negotiate."

The Complex I Food Users Committee plans to continue their negotiations. A meeting with Rill is expected in the near future.