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LATE FLASH!

Professors take coercion charges to labour board

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The Ontario labour relations board yesterday continued its hearings on the certification of the York University faculty association amid charges that the YUFA executive had used intimidation tactics to gather support for unionization.

In his submission to the board, administrative studies professor William Jordan charged that, during the recruitment period, YUFA chairman Jack Granatstein had told him that unless administrative studies faculty members joined the unionization drive and were able to participate in drafting the proposed agreement, the agreement would be worked out by individuals who, generally speaking, are opposed to the working conditions now existing in the faculty of administrative studies.

According to Jordan, Granatstein also mentioned that higher salaries for certain faculties whose professors had professional opportunities outside the university were proposed in the Carleton University faculty agreement and that similar provisions might be added to the York agreement so long as administrative studies professors supported unionization. Jordan requested that the Labour

Board order a secret representation vote "so that there will be no way for the union to intimidate faculty members."

Excalibur was unable to reach Granatstein for comment yesterday.

Yesterday's hearing progressed slowly at first as the YUFA executive representative grieved to

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Dave Fuller photo

Bill Mackie of Canada shows form on the side horse in the Canadian-U.S. gymnastics meet held at Tait over the weekend. Despite some fine performances by Canadian gymnasts, the team had to settle for the thrill of competing while the Americans were thrilled with winning.

Curtis Thomas is deported to States, has no immigrant status

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Curtis Thomas, one of the first York students openly to declare his candidacy for CYSF president, has been deported.

Thomas was taken out of jail Thursday morning and bussed to Buffalo, New York, where he was apprehended by FBI agents. He is currently being held in a Buffalo jail, awaiting extradition to St. Louis, where he is wanted on two counts of robbery, including armed robbery.

In all, Thomas had lived, worked and studied in Canada without a student visa for 13 months. Throughout this time he had gone undetected by Canadian Immigration and York security, though once apprehended, he was deported within five days.

Thomas was arrested on a Saturday morning for stealing a swivel chair belonging to the university. A routine check revealed that he had been in Canada illegally and that he was wanted in St. Louis for skipping bail, which had been set at \$15,000.

While at York, Thomas became president of the Winter-Summer Student Association last January before being turfed out of office for allegedly misappropriating \$216. He formed the Progressive Student Movement earlier this year to run a slate of candidates in next month's CYSF elections.

As yet, Excalibur has been unable to locate any of the 40 or so members, who according to Thomas, belonged to the PSM.

According to A. McGroarty, the Canadian Immigration inquiry officer appointed to the Thomas case, the York student had walked into Canada Immigration this December to apply for a student visa. Thomas was given a temporary visa and told to apply for a

student visa, but he apparently never did.

"We gave him a temporary visa in December," McGroarty explained, "and we gave him till January 6 to get a student visa. We gave him ample time and ample opportunity."

Although one of the stipulations for qualification for student visa status is that the applicant must be legally in Canada, something that was not true of Thomas, McGroarty said that he "was willing to give him a break" and

overlook the requirement.

McGroarty explained that it would not have been extraordinarily difficult task for Thomas to elude Canada Immigration for 13 months.

He did, however, find it difficult to understand how Thomas was able to take employment and enrol twice at York.

"I know he did take employment," said McGroarty. "How York University let him register I'm not sure, but I'm certainly surprised."

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Gary Cook photo

Shoppers lining up at the cash register in York's Super X Drug store.

York drugstore prices are exorbitant, survey shows

Super X Drugs, York's only supplier of over-the-counter and prescription drugs, charges more for drugs than most other drugstores in Toronto.

Excalibur compared the prices of four prescription drugs and four over-the-counter drugs sold at Super X with a survey of 18 drug stores in Metro compiled recently by the Globe and Mail.

In most cases Super X proved to be one of the highest priced stores in the survey.

Excalibur compared the following prescription drugs: Valium, a widely used tranquilizer; Darvon, a mild painkiller; Ortho-Novum, an oral diabetic drug; Tetracycline, an antibiotic. Tetracycline, the drug used in the Globe survey, is not sold at Super X Drugs, hence Tetracyclin, a similar prescription, was substituted.

Super X charges \$3.54 for 5 mg. of Valium as compared to \$1.68, the lowest price for the drug in the survey. Only one drugstore, Halpern's on Spadina, charged more than Super X (\$4.00). Similar results were obtained on the other three drugs. Darvon (24) sold for \$3.84 at Super X compared

to \$1.80 at Tamblyn at Yonge and St. Clair and Yonge and Bloor.

The prices for Ortho-Novum and Tetracycline were the highest in the survey.

The over-the-counter drugs were Chlor-Tripolon (18), an antihistamine for allergies, Surbex-500 (100), a vitamin, Dristan (24) and Benlyn (8 oz.), a cough syrup.

Although Super X prices proved to be more competitive with the over-the-counter remedies than with prescription drugs, in all four cases the York drugstore charged more than the average of the prices charged by the 18 stores.

Dristan, which sold for \$1.49 at Super X, in most other stores, could be purchased 10 to 20 cents cheaper. The York drugstore fared better with Surbex-500. The vitamin sold for \$7.97 at York and \$6.99 at Shoppers Drug Mart in St. James-Town, the lowest in the survey. Factor's drugs charged \$9.98 for the remedy.

Of the drugs surveyed, Tamblyn consistently charged the lowest or near to the lowest of the 19 stores, with another chain, Shoppers Drug Mart showing the highest prices.

THIS WEEK



For those York students who couldn't be at two places at once to hear Liberal finance minister Donald MacDonald and provincial NDP leader Stephen Lewis speak last Wednesday, Excalibur reports on pages 5 and 9.



Election '76. ULC member Robert Kasher will seek the ULC nomination for president. He tells why he wants to become president of CYSF p. 3

How others see us. Trudeau's visit to Cuba received quite a lot of press over there. Granma's (the Cuban newspaper) coverage of the Trudeau visit p. 8

Women's basketball team is improving, and new coach Skip Letheren is a big reason why p. 15