

Analysis

Union scabs hurt strike

CUEW chairperson Janet Patterson's leadership, as well as the union's structure, will be seriously questioned after the result of last week's strike, which the union lost.

Patterson said that the union entered the strike with a strong mandate. But, with almost all science, computer science and fine arts teaching assistants crossing picket lines, this appears doubtful. Very early in the strike it became clear to the administration that any offer brought before the whole membership would be ratified. This being the case, the administration had to find a way for the union to save face in regard to the class size issue. Using a favourite solution, perfected by many a government wishing to sweep an issue under the rug, a committee was formed. This committee, which will study the workloads of tutorial leaders (and thus class size) will accompany a committee set-up last year. In this way the union could say it was doing something about the issue.

It is at this point that Patterson's leadership begins to look shaky. Patterson argued with the steering committee to not forward the settlement to membership for a vote. She lost this motion and then, after asking for rejection by the members, they voted acceptance. It is lucky for Patterson that this is CUEW and not the steel workers. Her resignation would have been expected.

The tremendous amount of scabbing that went on during the strike brings up the question of whether CUEW can ever win a strike if it continues to represent science grads. They do not feel that the union is representing them or that the problems within the Faculty of Arts are theirs.

This may be the beginning of the end for CUEW as representatives of the science grads. In the long run this will probably strengthen the union as it will be able to speak in one voice.

With the exception of those who take Atkinson courses, students were basically unaffected by the strike. However, after folding twice on the issue of class size it may be a long time before CUEW can again expect the kind of student support it had for this strike.

In this dispute the big winners are Bill Davis and Bette Stephenson. They are now certain that they can increase cutbacks with impunity. They have also learned how easily an academic union can be busted. This is so because CUEW has no disciplinary rules regarding

scabs. This being the case, you vote to strike and then go to work. It's all so easy—you let others do the bargaining for you without giving up anything. If CUEW does not find a way to fill this loophole its days are numbered.

It will be interesting to see where the membership of the union will decide to proceed from here. The major result will probably be a purge of the leaders who miscalculated their members' resolve.

The union's membership doesn't really care enough about class size to maintain a strike over the issue and the overwhelming acceptance of the offer from the administration indicates that it probably never will.

CYSF fundraisers entertain community

Oma Sunydeen

In an effort to supplement their beleaguered budget, members of the Council of the York Student Federation are considering several new projects to raise funds, which will be used to help groups within the York community.

The recently formed fund raising committee has already discussed and submitted plans to president Greg Gaudet; plans which are now pending amendments. Mark Pearlman, chairman of the committee, says the council is very concerned with its inability to help a number of student organizations that have requested aid.

According to Pearlman, the CYSF also wishes to help students, foreign or native, that need money to pay fees or buy books, but have been unable to secure grants. Existing services such as the CYSF Typing Service, would also receive some

of the proceeds. Among the projects being considered is a version of a Monte Carlo Nightshow, which will operate for the first time on November 20. Gaudet says that although it is not yet official, the council will probably be offering a trip to Florida as a door prize.

Certain colleges already organize entertainment, but when questioned about possible conflicts, Pearlman said, "The CYSF is not threatening the colleges in any way." He feels the project is in the interest of all students and hopes that the colleges will be able to co-operate with the central student government. To prevent possible conflicts Pearlman said his committee would welcome suggestions from the colleges. It is even prepared to accept representatives from the colleges who would help in the laying of the project's groundwork.

The committee informs students that it would like to hear suggestions from business-minded people. Those interested should stop by the CYSF offices in Central Square, where they



Vice President of Student Services, John Becker.

Choir follow-up

New budget announced

Ian Bailey

A misunderstanding of funding procedures, which threatened to disrupt the operations of the York University Choir has been clarified following a discussion between choir spokesman Joanne Finlay and John Becker, vice-president in charge of student services.

The two met following the appearance of a report in Excalibur in which Finlay stated the choir, already under the burden of restrictive funding, was facing an almost total elimination of its funds. Becker disputed the statement referring to it as "highly pessimistic". Becker approached Finlay and informed her that money had in fact, been set aside for the choir.

She had been unaware of this and now says, "We were ignorant of each other's intentions and each others situations."

Becker obtained the money for the choir by reducing the budget of the Council of Masters. As a result of his actions, the choir will have a budget of 1700 dollars, which will enable it to cover general operating expenses, advertising, the cost of music sheets and the fee of an accompanist.

Becker assures York's students, faculty and staff that the choir will be sailing smoothly this year. Finlay adds, "Going to the Excalibur exposed Mr. Becker to me and myself to Mr. Becker; it brought things to a head."

Max Bell grant awarded

Berel Wetstein

A major honour was bestowed upon York last week, when the Max Bell Foundation awarded an eight hundred thousand dollar grant to establish a programme to study government-business relations. A half million dollar fund raising campaign, conducted by York, will supplement the grant.

Although the grant is to be given to York, the programme will be national in scope, with research work to be given to various universities, who will study three areas:

- *the influence of public policy on business
- *management methods
- *management response to government policies

Dr. James Gillies, a faculty of Administrative Studies professor and a former Conservative M.P., will head the programme. Asked if the programme would evolve into another Fraser Institute (an institution well known for its opposition to government intervention in the economy) Dr. Gillies replied, "Heavens, I hope not. We will be studying the methodology and what management's response will be." Gillies stated that the programme will give York extra

prestige. The past edition of Canadian Business Magazine rated York as the second best business school in Canada, after Western. Gillies disagrees saying, "I think we're number one now, but it sometimes takes time to build a reputation."

The programme will have an advisory board made up of business leaders who have been highly critical of government intervention in the economy. They include, Jack Gallagher, Chairman of Dome Petroleum, and former Ontario Treasurer D'arcy McKeough. McKeough, presently president of Union Gas, quit the Tory cabinet over a disagreement concerning rent review legislation.



Just a reminder to all you hosers out there about our first annual Bob and Doug essay writing contest. "What Canada means to Me", okay? Like, the deadline is November 19th.



James Carlisle

Students rally for peace

James A. Carlisle

A contingent from the York Association for Peace (Y.A.P.) joined two to three thousand demonstrators chanting anti-war and anti-American slogans in a protest march in downtown Toronto last Saturday.

The demonstrators represented such diverse organizations as the United Steelworkers of America, Gays and Lesbians Against the Right Everywhere, the Irish Prisoner of War Committee, and Women against Higher Prices. Speakers from the protest groups demanded a ban on the neutron bomb, an end to U.S. intervention in Latin America and cessation of the arms race during a rally at Nathan Phillips Square following the march.

Although only about three dozen members of Y.A.P. attended the march the new association boasts a membership list of 160 students and professors.

According to temporary coordinator Stathis Stathopoulos, "War is not inevitable, but we must take united action to avoid it." Y.A.P. was founded, says Stathopoulos, as part of the effort, "to the first stop the arms race, then encourage disarmament."

The Y.A.P. leader states that the organization is independent of other political groups. Y.A.P. is not aligned to any political group although many of our members belong to other organizations. We do not wish to exclude anyone who believes in peace."

Y.A.P. is planning a meeting on Armistice Day November 11 on York Campus (see Our Town). For further information contact Stathos Stathopoulos at 222-0623 or at room 215 Bethune College.



Alex Woloszewicz

Fundraiser Mark Pearlman, will be able to discuss their ideas with Pearlman or other members of the committee.

The committee is presently searching for a suitable location from which to operate its activities, which in addition to Monte Carlo Night will include raffles, games, bingo, dances and shows.

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