

Maintenance staff settles contract

By Kim Llewellyn

Canadian Union of Public Employees at York voted 150-30 Tuesday night in favour of accepting the latest contract offer made by the university. Rejection by the voters meant picket lines Wednesday.

CUPE, local 1356, whose membership consists of 240 outside grounds, driving, cleaning, mechanical and structural maintenance staff, contested previous offers by the university, mainly regarding term of the

contract.

The union wanted a 20 month contract, but the university would agree only to 12 months. The two sides split the difference at 16.

Union president Norm Noddle said CUPE wanted the 20 month contract because there is tremendous pressure on the negotiating committee being the first union to negotiate at York. "We are always finding ourselves at the strike position around exam time. We found ourselves reluctant to take that kind of action at that

time."

New items in the contract included wage increases of 3.9 per cent on March 7, 1979, 3.8 per cent on May 2, 1979, and 3.6 per cent on January 8, 1980.

The maintenance staff received wage increases of two per cent on March 7, 1979, two per cent on May 2, 1979, and 3.1 per cent on January 8, 1980.

"This was basically a catch-up situation for the caretaking staff after three years of the anti-inflation board where percentage increases tended to cause the lower paid worker to fall behind wage-wise," said Noddle.

Flexibility in the holiday system and a 75 per cent paid dental plan constituted other gains by the union.

The new contract begins retroactively on January 1, 1979 and continues to April 30, 1980.

The contract has been in dispute since mid-November, 1978. "I felt they (the university) pushed us to the last day to pressure us to settle it," said Noddle. "The committee's reluctance to bend this year was the reason we got a good agreement."

He said in light of the times he is happy with the new contract.

Island school a retreat to discuss world peace

By Greg Saville

As Canada gears up to fulfill its NATO commitments through purchases of over \$1 billion of new fighter planes, tanks and assorted military hardware, one wonders the whereabouts of the active 60's peace movement.

It's alive and well. There's an island retreat about 55km from Kingston where college students professors, United Nations workers, government researchers and interested citizens have gathered for the past 15 years to trade ideas on world peace.

This summer at least one York student will be able to take advantage of a scholarship available from MacLaughlin college towards a two-week session in the School for Peace Research, Education and Action at Grindstone Island.

At one summer conference both the American and Soviet ambassadors were brought together for discussions with Grindstone Island participants. Topics for this summer school include the middle east, native peoples' struggles, international economics and sex roles in today's society.

Members and resource people at the summer school include York political science professor David Bell and Dr. William Eckhardt from the Canadian Peace Research Institute to name a few.

"Having participated in the Grindstone School for Peace ... for the last 12 summers," says Dr. Eckhardt, "I can say that there is no learning experience quite like it anywhere else in the world, so far as I know."

The MacLaughlin scholarship may be used for either of the two-week sessions, one held from June 16-29 and the other Aug. 7-20.

Applicants for this year's scholarship should contact professor Bell, MacLaughlin 123, 667-3267.

Councils run own elections

By Patricia Smiley

As a consequence of recent constitutional reforms, constituency councils are now running their own elections for representatives on CYSF. Nomination periods and election dates are as follows:

Founders: The College Council had not decided by the time Excalibur went to press when the nomination period will end, or when the election will be. Contact the secretary in Rm. 121 Founders (667-2208) for more information.

McLaughlin: Nominations close March 8 at midnight. The election will take place March 14 between 10 am and 5 pm.

Stong: One Stong rep will be elected in a general election. The nomination period for this position begins March 8 and closes March 14. Election day is March 21. Nomination forms are to be handed in to Steve Dranatsaris, Rm. 121, Stong College.

The other rep will be appointed by the Executive Committee of Stong at the end of March.

Winters: Nominations close tomorrow at 4:30 pm and are to be submitted to Pat Ralston, Rm. 269, Winters College. Elections will take place March 14, along with the College Council elections.

Vanier: Nominations close today at 5 pm. Elections take place next Thursday.

Graduate Students' Association: Reps will be appointed from the council in September.

Environmental Studies: No one was available for information on the nomination procedure or election date when Excalibur tried to contact this council. However, Council President Ken Jones may be contacted in Rm 515A Scott (667-6299)

Exam invalid senate ruled

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Agreed the marks were invalid because cheating had occurred, they opted to wipe out the entire exam.

The students will be given three options on how their final grades will be determined, including another non-compulsory exam which will be offered in the near future.

When contacted by Excalibur last week, Chairman of Senate CEAS, Robert Drummond said, "The circumstances here, we hope, will be unlikely to happen again".

"But CEAS is going to examine unacademic practices.... and we will have to examine what steps to take when cheating occurs but the cheaters can't be identified", he added.

Kaplan's decision had been appealed to Senate by second year student, Doug Emsley. Upon receiving Senate CEAS' decision, Emsley responded, "I think the solution is perfect".

"I don't agree with the solution", said Kaplan in an interview last week, "but I respect the fact that Senate has the last word."

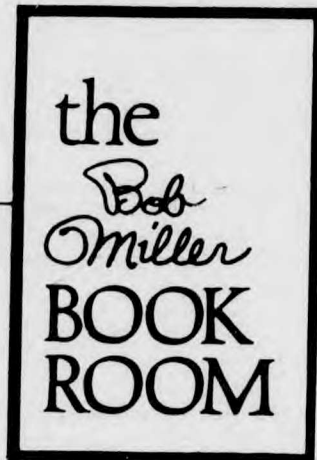
Campaign for recruitment stifled

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However, he says York needs a full time person to carry out such a plan, which the administration has not seen fit to hire.

York's director of admissions, Sandy McNeil, who worked closely with Logan last year is strongly in favour of centralized recruitment.

"With a limited amount of money, the deans are going to have to pool resources for advertising and recruitment," he says. "York needs a united voice."



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