

Food services workers left unprotected

TORONTO (CUP) - A decision by the administration of York University to bring in new caterers without protecting the jobs of unionized food service workers has come under strong protest here.

In early June the university brought in five new catering companies to replace Versafoods, which previously had a monopoly, and made no agreement to protect the Versafoods workers.

Only a dozen of the 75 food service workers, members of the Restaurant, Cafeteria and Tavern Employees Union, have been hired by the new firms which are opposed to operating as a union shop.

At least one of the companies, Commercial Caterers, is paying substantially lower wages. As well, the few workers who have retained jobs have lost their contract

seniority, and fringe benefits.

A strongly worded protest letter claiming the university "could easily have included provisions in the contract which would have guaranteed the Versafoods workers were given first choice of the available jobs" pinned the blame squarely on the University Administration.

It was signed by representatives of the York central student council, staff and faculty associations, CUPE workers, the Graduate Assistants Association, David Archer of the Ontario Federation of Labour, and one member of the York Board of Governors.

The Metro Toronto Labour Council has also passed a motion censoring the administration of

York, and the Civil Service Association of Ontario has cancelled a conference planned at York in protest against the non-hiring of the food service staff.

The University has taken the position that the change in caterers came as a result of repeatedly expressed wishes on the part of the university community for better and cheaper food.

But, according to student president Dale Ritch, the university never consulted members of the community when it decided not to protect Versafoods workers, and the desire for better food service does not mean the community accepts the firings.

"In fact" Ritch says "prices have

gone up at least 30 per cent since the new companies took over." He also feels that "quality in some cases is actually poorer than it was before."

According to Ritch, "although the administration has refused to back down and most of the Versafoods workers are now employed, the fight is not over by any means."

Ritch says plans are afoot by the

union representing the no-unemployed workers to set up pickets at campus entrances where classes resume, and that the student council is prepared to organize a boycott of the catering companies "if necessary."

Ritch's own solution to the problem is to organize a "co-operative cafeteria" run by student union and the food service workers.

VCC will turn away students

VANCOUVER (CUP) - More than 1,000 students will be turned away from Vancouver Capilano College because of course section cutbacks, says college president Peter Spratt.

According to Spratt the estimate is a "safe one" as 53 sections have been cut from the colleges course

offering of last year.

The cuts came in response to what Spratt calls "a budget that did not adequately reflect inflationary pressures".

Although the B.C. education department was generous with its capital expenditures budget, allowing for construction, they granted

only a 23 per cent increase in the operating budget of the schools, he said.

As maintenance costs of the newly constructed buildings must be taken from the operating budget, the college has been forced to make cutbacks in various areas to stay out of financial trouble.

This is not a policy decision. It is a decision that was forced on us," Spratt said.

Originally, the number of sections expected to be cut was 98, but by slashing costs in other areas, the number has been reduced.

Student-teacher ratios in some classes will be going up to 32 students per teacher, the maximum allowed by the faculty contract.

Spratt, however, does not feel that these are the most pressing problems facing Capilano College.

"The most severe problem facing the institution is the students we won't be able to serve at all, that won't be able to get in," he said.

Prof expresses concern over error

A University of New Brunswick physics professor's letter expressing concern about an alleged error in last year's course opinion survey was read to Senate Tuesday.

Charles Young, in his letter read by senator Israel Unger, said he had issued a questionnaire at the end of term for his physics 3020 students but had not expected to have it published in the survey since it numbered less than the 10-student minimum.

The results published under that course number in the results, he said, must have been from another course because no results were published about the labs which form an "integral part" of the course and results were listed for a tutorial yet there is no tutorial

offered.

Unger said no copy had been sent to survey committee chairman and student enator Mike Mepham.

Barry Thompson, Dean of Students, said he was "concerned that this (complaint) had not been presented to the committee concerned rather than laying it open to senate in this fashion."

Mepham said he had consulted with others who worked on the survey and to the best of their knowledge Young had submitted results and requested these be included in the opinion survey.

The Brunswickan contacted Unger before press time Wednesday but other commitments did not allow time for an interview, he said.

Anderson announces appointment

Frederick Charles Rankine has been appointed chairman of the division of fifth year and graduate studies in the faculty of education at the University of New Brunswick.

The appointment was announced August 29, 1975 by UNB President John M. Anderson.

Dr. Rankine returned recently from a sabbatical year during which he acted as project evaluator for the Guam doctoral program at Western Michigan University. In this capacity he spent six weeks on location in Guam, an island in the north Pacific east of the Philippines.

A former police officer with the RCMP in Victoria, British Columbia, Dr. Rankine earned a doctor of education degree from the University of British Columbia in 1968. He has acted as a training consultant to the RCMP "J" Division Headquarters since arriving at UNB in 1968.

Dr. Rankine's professional publications include articles on school guidance counselling and on New Brunswick Anglophone and Francophone student attitudes.

Lutes joins staff

David Lutes, a graduate of the University of New Brunswick business faculty, was appointed Student Representative Council administrator at the SRC's Sept. 15 meeting.

His office will be located in Student Union Building room 118 and will begin work, employed by the SUB board, Sept. 22. His duties will include advising council, managing the College Hill Social Club and assisting SUB director Howard Goldberg.

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