

The Empey saga:

Negotiations filled final hours

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Following intense negotiations including a letter to re-instate recently fired business manager, Gary Empey, the CYSF has decided against rehiring and have paid him to the end of his contract.

The CYSF Executive fired Empey on March 6 following the discovery that CYSF minutes presented to the Ontario Ministry of Labour did not correspond to the original minutes for the same date.

On Tuesday, March 10, Empey was issued a cheque by CYSF for over \$2,300. This amount corresponds to the March and April portions of Empey's salary. His former contract expires April 30.

Empey's contract only required that he receive 30 days salary plus two weeks vacation pay, for a total of about six weeks wages, in the event of dismissal. "We wanted to settle quickly, we had a lot of work in the office," Montgomery explained.

Loretta Popiel, who resigned as CYSF Internal Affairs Director yesterday, explained that Montgomery was constantly negotiating with Empey's lawyer on March 10.

Popiel was angered because Montgomery did not hire a lawyer to negotiate with Empey's lawyer.

Several proposed agreements between the two parties were prepared by Montgomery but none were approved by the Executive.

A March 10 letter, typed on CYSF letterhead and signed by Montgomery serve as an illustration of the negotiating process.

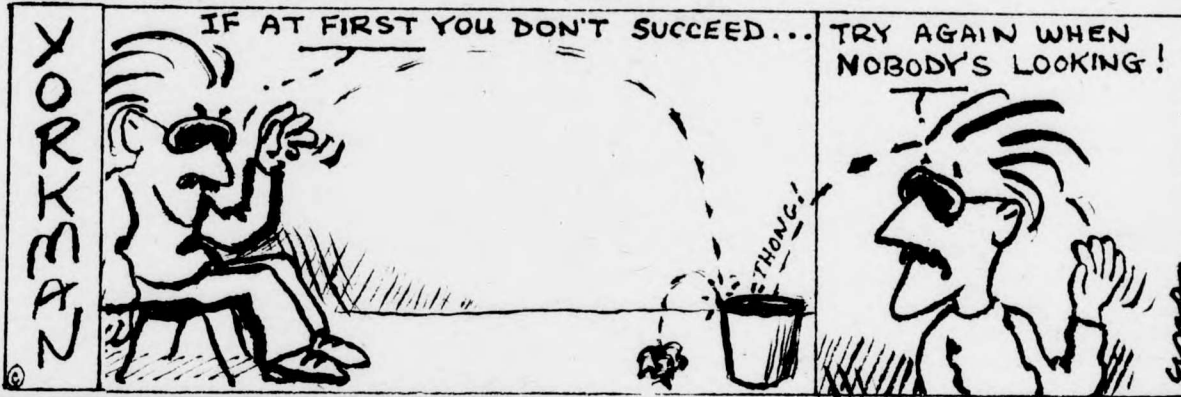
"This letter is to inform you that the Executive Committee hereby re-instates Gary H. Empey on suspension pending such time as

an inquiry may be conducted to ascertain the nature of any information that may be relevant to this matter," Montgomery wrote.

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After a photocopy of the

document was produced by an *Excalibur* reporter, Montgomery recognized the document. He explained that the letter was written as part of the ongoing negotiations between Empey and the CYSF.



Erratum:

An article in last week's *Excalibur* incorrectly identified Tim Haffey as Glendon's current Vice-president (Internal). The position is held by Bruno Marchese. Tim Haffey was recently elected next year's VP (Internal).

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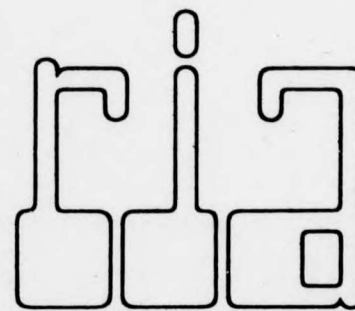
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