

Employees win settlement

by Wes Oginski

A meeting between Federation of Alberta Students (FAS) executive members, two former employees, a representative from their union, and an arbitrator from the Alberta Board of Labor settled a labor dispute on December 22.

Steve Howard and Percy Toop were given a cash settlement of \$1917 each.

Howard and Toop were dismissed as employees of FAS on November 10.

At that time they felt that they were wrongfully dismissed under their existing collective agreement with FAS.

"We had legal advice right from the start," says Toop.

"First of all, the union (Office of Professional Employees International Union (OPEIU)) launched a grievance on our behalf," says Toop. Such a grievance could have eventually been resolved through binding arbitration.

FAS officials at the time refused to comment on the dismissal of the two employees.

"So far FAS has not made any reasons for our dismissal public," Toop says, adding that FAS initially refused to elaborate to OPEIU.

"This has really been a bitter thing," he adds.

FAS officials were not available for comment on the settlement.

"It just wasn't the money, there were other things," Toop explains, but refuses to elaborate.

The settlement reached between FAS and the employees included cash, letters of reference, and an agreement that neither party would malign the other. Toop and Howard also agreed to drop further action for wrongful dismissal.

Donna Bezanson, recording secretary for OPEIU, says she would say that the settlement was favorable. Toop agrees with her.

Toop now works for the Alberta Building Trades, and Howard is attending university in British Columbia.



FAS employees protested November layoffs; the fight paid off.

photo Ray Giguere

Council walks, Council talks, Council sleeps...

Students' Council approved \$400 funding for a 'mini-campaign' against the practice of apartheid in South Africa. The campaign is scheduled for January 27 - 29.

SU v.p. External Lisa Walter reminded Council that in 1979 it took a stand on apartheid crimes by boycotting the sale of South African products in Students' Union outlets. The boycott also applies to private businesses which have investments in South Africa.

Walter elaborated:

"The apartheid policy of 1979 calls for a boycott of Rothman's products and recognition that revenues go to support the South African government which exploits black labor to generate profits for the very small white minority that not only holds all the political control but holds the economic control of South Africa as well...."

"The whole system of apartheid pervades South African society. It includes every realm of

government from immigration to health care to restaurants, public life, education, transportation, rights of assembly, rights of speech, rights of education, any socio-economic rights of speech, rights of education, any socio-economic rights are not granted to black people in South Africa. They are granted and protected by the white regime for white South Africans.

The anti-apartheid campaign will feature a speaker, films, pamphlets, and posters, among other things.

Engineering rep John Koch said, "I'm totally in favor of this motion; I urge councillors to support it." (applause) They did.

SU president Phil Soper has some harsh words for the competition on campus.

"There was a very condescending article in the university magazine, the *Folio* regarding the *Gateway* seizure (of November 18)...I was very pleased, in this issue of the *Folio* to see two

members of our faculty association - basically outraged - they wrote letters condemning the *Folio* article. So I'm very pleased with the reaction from the campus. Obviously the editor of the *Folio* really misread that one."

The Eugene Brody Board granted funds to a project for medical aid to El Salvador that is run through Oxfam Canada, and we granted them \$500. Edmontonians for a Non-Nuclear Future were granted \$495 for the recent Disarmament Week.

"Probably the success story for the Eugene Brody fund for last term was something that was brought to us by the Engineers:

they (the Engineering Students' Society, ESS) asked for the Fund to pick up rental on Dinwoodie Hall so that they could hold a fund raising benefit and we're delighted that they raised \$1600 for the Edmonton Christmas Bureau (applause)

Walter is off to Ottawa January 6 as the new Federation of Alberta Students (FAS) representative on the Central Committee of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). "I'm off to Ottawa to go to a national executive of the student movement meeting"; she'll be back Monday.

Steve Dunk of Engineering noted "It's nice to see that

(Students' Union) directory is finally out (applause).

The 'cut, cut, cut' syndrome has backfired again.

"It was kind of an odd situation. A couple of months ago when we were getting our bills for the phones we decided to look through them and see if we really in fact had phones at all those numbers we were being charged for. There were a couple of numbers that we didn't know what they were; we kept phoning them but nobody answered them, so we told AGT to pull them out." One of them was the free phone on the first floor of SUB. "It's on the order list to come back," Bechtel said.

dear floyd

an advice column to the lost



Dear Floyd,

Howzit goin eh! Almost fooled you too, huh!

I'm not really a Canadian. I actually come from Altair IV in the Hercules star cluster. I have decided to come out of the closet and make public my transplanetary species.

There are actually more Altarians vacationing on this sorry excuse for a planet than most sentient beings realize, though I don't insinuate humans are sentient. Actually, I lie when I say we're tourists. We're actually more like political exiles.

Yes, Sol III, or what you quaintly call Earth, is the Siberia of the universe. There are more alien terrorists and trouble makers than there are quarks in a quirk.

I've actually written to tell you that you humans have one galactic rotation to evacuate the planet. signed: James T. Quirk

Dear Tedious, Take off eh!

Dear Floyd,

I am about to join that list of people who thought they would never have to write to that guy in the paper who gives crummy advice. Well here I am.

I am finding out as university enters its second term, that academic studies are ruining my social life. Yes, I admit it, I'm a sportoholic.

As the world thrilled to the almost international World Series, I missed my first three term papers and actually missed a mid-term. Then during the Grey Cup, I destroyed my Introductory Psych text as the Eskimos stole the trophy from the Roughriders. Finally as Greatski neared the 50th and the NFL and colleges drew to their wild cards, I began to see that finals could put a crimp into this

hobby of mine.

This is the point I have reached. Is it worthwhile to pursue a career in medicine; or should I drop out and become a labourer so I can have weekends off to watch the finals in whatever. signed: B. Casey

Dear Bonzo,

You have got the shakes bad. I have consulted my friend and expert on mental diseases, Dr. Sigmund Watson. He says that your case looks beyond help so why not see if Howard Cosell is ready to retire.

Dear Floyd,

Another holiday season is behind us and we can greet a new year. Yet, who wants to greet a new year after the annual great Santa Clause rip off. All during the holidays we heard retailers cry about the economy ruining business. Profits are down so they have to dream up sale ideas to drag people into the malls and department stores.

Then they tell us how all the pre-season sales will also cut into the year-end clearance sales. This is just a ploy to further the capitalistic gains Christmas means to them.

What really ticked me off was even after the holiday, there was a Boxing Day sale, and on New Year's Day there were the year end clearances.

And after all these sales, the best my family and friends could buy me were the latest in designer socks and the hottest novel off the press from the grocery store.

signed: Ritchie Rich (esq.)

Dear R.R.,

What are you complaining about. All Santa left me was the finest in kobasa instead of the Lambergini I ordered.

