

**Brantford plant to become warehouse**

# Strikebound Texpack moves to Rexdale

By MARK ALTER

Texpack Limited, strikebound in Brantford for the last 3 months, last week reopened an old plant in Rexdale and according to general manager Kenneth Dafoe, will move 80 percent of its production there.

The subsidiary of American Hospital Supply Corporation of Evanston, Illinois took over the Rexdale operation of the Pharmaceutical plant on Fasken Drive last year when it expanded its production line.

According to Dafoe the remaining

20 percent to remain in Brantford will produce company non-woven material.

"We are moving back there in a big way because we can't get people to cross the picket line in Brantford" Dafoe said. He said the move was permanent.

He said the 37 new employees hired in Toronto and Hamilton entered the plant Sept. 29 with the help of eight policemen who held back 40 picketing strikers and Wafflers.

Some people were arrested as a result of resumed disturbances on

the new picket line. One such person is York student Raymond Van Zenooghe. He was charged with malicious damage and arrested after he broke the windshield of a car going through the picket line.

Dafoe indicated that the payroll at the newly-opened plant will be increased to 85. About 200 members of the Canadian Textile and Chemical Union — mostly women — were on strike at the Brantford plant since July to support their demands for a 65-cent increase over three years from their present pay rate of \$1.93

an hour.

Court action has begun against those who were arrested in Brantford. Timothy Windle, 21, of Brantford was fined \$100 when he appeared in provincial court last week on a charge of possession of an offensive weapon. Police said

Windle threw a stone at a transport truck that was moving across the picket line. Since it was his first offence, he was not given a jail sentence. He is just one of the first of more than 65 people charged as a result of picket line violence with professional strikebreakers.

## YORK BRIEFS

### Gov't look delayed, Slater in Kenya

The board's approval to look into York's governing structure had to wait until York president David Slater came back from Kenya today. The chairman of the senate's Committee on the Organization and Structure of Senate and the University Howard Adelman said Slater had not approached the board about accepting the senate approved parity on the committee.

### Student assaulted on campus

First year student Ross Allan Howard is pressing common assault charges against Lloyd Campbell following an incident outside Farqueson Hall last Friday. The fracas began after the two wrote an examination in a class of 300. C.M.D. Becksted of York's safety and security is assisting the Metro Police in their investigation.

### Excalibur gets Last Post service

This week heralds the debut of the Last Post weekly news service on Page 8. Excalibur has suspended its subscription to the (American) Liberation News Service and taken the new Canadian operation to supplement its Canadian University Press service. Like CUP, the Last Post has a permanent bureau in Ottawa.

### Another coffee shop

The CYSF voted on Monday to set up a coffee-shop in the council offices, Room N108, off Central Square, as a means of providing more contact between the council, clubs, and students. The coffee-shop will be run by John Francis and Terry Donovan, but the CYSF asks that any student interested in helping contact a councillor.

### English Association meeting

The English Association held its first general meeting last Thursday to outline plans for the coming year and to obtain new members. The association wants to set up a meaningful cultural program for students and to give students a voice in the english department. Students will be able to sit as voting members on the various faculty committees. The most promising committee is for student-faculty relations. It will act as a grievance board in areas such as plagiarism. Despite the poor turnout of students and general lack of interest, chairman Wendy Burke and the executive remain confident.

## CYSF 9-3 vote pledges \$250 in support of Texpack strikers

By CARLA SULLIVAN

Council of the York Student Federation Monday pledged \$250 to the support of strikers in the Brantford Texpack conflict.

In a 9-3 vote, the council defeated objections that CYSF has neither the right nor the money to get into off-campus activities. Calling the strike a fairly clear case of the need for student involvement in the larger community, CYSF president Mike Fletcher said, "You can't isolate the University from real life. You have to work out what your system of priorities is."

Echoing this thought, student David Chud said, "If you only talk about the strike and don't do anything about it,

you're living in an ivory tower and are morally bankrupt."

He pointed to the strike as a classic case of what is being talked about at the university — Americanization and the multi-national corporation. For students to seek involvement in such issues, he added, is "to take what you're learning in the classroom and put it into action."

Texpack workers are striking for higher pay: an increase of 65 cents an hour over a three-year period from their present hourly wage of \$1.93. Texpack, a branch plant of the American Hospital Supply Corporation, is phasing out production at the Brantford plant to make it into a warehouse for packaging hospital and first-aid material made in the U.S.

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