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## Hundreds gather for anti-Klan rally

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The Varsity**

Despite both bad weather and Ku Klux Klan (KKK) threats, approximately 550 demonstrators marched from Ramsden Park to Attorney General Roy McMurtry's office angrily calling for the banning of the "poisonous blood of the KKK" at Saturday afternoon's "Ban the Klan" rally. About 75 York students participated in the march.

The march was organized by the Committee for Racial Equality, one of whom saw the demo as the "kick-off to get the Klan and Fascism out of Toronto". The Committee is made up of a diversity of groups united in their antagonism towards the "violent racism of

the Klan". The range of groups and individuals involved was wide, including ethnic groups, labour organizations, students, and the usual political participants.

The march began with a rally at Ramsden Park where numerous speakers called for the banning of the Klan. Before the march, it was announced by Louis Feldhammer, Chairperson for the committee, that the committee had received a number of anonymous threats. All demonstrators were called on not to sink to the level of the KKK and be "provoked by such cowards".

Mayor Sewell sent a letter of support to the organizing committee. Sewell pointed to a

recently passed City Council motion which stated that "the KKK is not wanted here", as an indication of the high level of support the anti-Klan movement has at City Hall.

Dundley Law, a major leader of the Toronto Black community and head of the Police-Minority Relations Committee, called on not only the Ontario government but the Federal government as well to take a leading role in the banning of the Klan. The Klan's gruesome history of crime makes ludicrous the claim by the Attorney-General that the KKK must commit a crime before charges can be laid, he said. "They have committed enough crimes and they must be banned."

## Contract talks are continuing

**John Molendyk**

Strikes next weekend by the York University Staff Association and the Canadian Union of Educational Workers are a possibility, if upcoming mediation talks are not successful.

Both unions have been without a contract since August 31, and with the failure of mediation meetings, may soon be in a legal position to strike.

Two weeks ago, YUSA members voted 86 per cent in favour of a strike if mediation talks set for October 16 fail.

The union will be in a position to walk out on October 17.

A strike vote will be held by CUEW on October 10, 11 and 15, with mediation set for October 15 and 18.

If the talks fail and the strike vote is favourable, the union could strike on October 19.

According to Leslie Sanders, Chief Negotiator and Steward of CUEW, both CUEW and YUSA support and respect each other's cause, but are only considering joining forces in their negotiations with the university.

YUSA President Karen Harell said that the two unions would meet by next Thursday to discuss joint action.

University negotiator Kaye MacDonald could not be reached for comment.

On the major issues, the university administration and the unions differ considerably.

At the heart of the CUEW dispute is the administration's desire to implement staff cutbacks in a period of rising enrolment. The union, which represents about 750 teaching

assistants and part-time instructors, is concerned that the resulting increase in class size, and workload, will cheapen the quality of education.

CUEW proposes limits on class size, pay for "overwork" by TA's, and an equal proportion of TA's to part-time staff.

There are currently two separate contracts for the union: one for TA's and another for part-time faculty. To facilitate any negotiations and eliminate internal discrepancies, CUEW wants one contract for both units. Besides straightening out many of the irregularities that exist at present between the union's two units, this amalgamation of contract is expected to provide the union with better legal protection and greater bargaining strength in the future.

The union also hopes to secure an overall wage increase of 17 per a wage increase, and a tuition waiver for TA's and assistance with thesis typing.

YUSA members are concerned mainly with three areas of dispute; sick leave, wages and length of contract and YUSA exempt employees.

The union is particularly worried about the promotion of non-YUSA members over members. These non-union employees, who were prohibited by law from joining YUSA because of their positions, have no formal grievance procedure, may not strike and pay no union dues.

Other issues include hours of work and overtime, paid holidays and personal leave.

## Nominations close for council posts

**Jonathan Mann**

York students may be voting as many as four times in the space of two days, when the annual CYSF elections are held with the OFS referendum on October 22 and 23.

Students will be asked to choose the council's president, Vice-President (External) and Vice-President (Internal).

In addition, they will also have to decide whether to up their contribution to the Ontario

Federation of Students to \$3.00. Currently the lobby receives \$1.50 of every student's fees.

Three CYSF positions are being contested.

James Boyle, Jennifer Gonsalves, and Malcolm Montgomery are the candidates for President of the CYSF.

Robert Burrows and Loretta Ann Popeil are up for the Vice-President (Internal) spot, while the Vice-President (External)'s job is being sought by Brad

Ashley, Peter Mednis and Chris Savvas.

According to Sylvia Stanley, the council's secretary, nominations for these positions closed Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. Aspiring candidates had to furnish two signatures of CYSF constituency members to be nominated.

The Presidency is a paid position. According to CYSF Business Manager Gary Empey, the winner will take home

\$666.00 a month, until their term expires on March 31.

The CYSF's current president is Keith Smockum, who has held the post for 18 months.

There is no one in either of the Vice-Presidencies being contested. Pat Fonberg, who the Vice-President (External) post resigned earlier this fall, while the post of Vice-President (Internal) has been vacant all year.

### TTC says:

## Short route may get cut short

**Berel Wetstein**

Don't get too used to hopping on the express, because the York University 106A bus service is still in an experimental stage, according to Bill Frost, a Public Relations Officer for the Toronto Transit Commission.

"The Commission must decide if the transfer of passengers from the 106 regular service to the express is so great as to make the expenditure of \$300,000 per annum feasible," Frost said.

The express service began operating on a three-bus-an-hour, 12-hour-per-day schedule on September 2. TTC figures show the service carrying approximately 900 passengers from Wilson Station to York and returning about 750 passengers daily for an average of 30 passengers per 20 minute run.

"The figures are encouraging, but we don't have the figures for

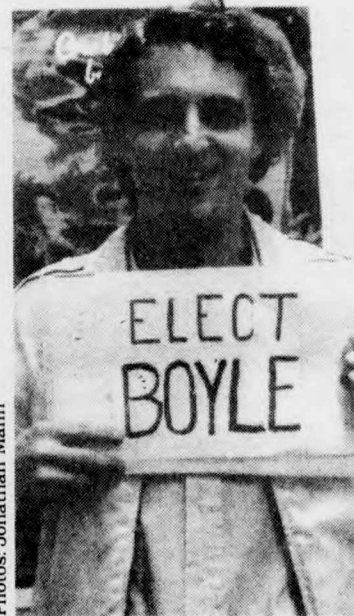
the 106 regular service yet. We will have to see if this (the express) service is generating any extra revenue of if it is just draining revenue from 106." A survey of second and third-students to see if they have been attracted to the express service will begin soon.

"This service, along with the extension of the Dufferin, Bathurst, and the Wilson Express, is the beginning of a new outlook by the Commission featuring service in the suburbs. The concept is to get the service to the new developments before people move in and decide to buy the second car. The Dufferin 29 is proof-positive of this approach," Frost explained.

York students who wish to comment should call the TTC Public Relations office at 481-5242.



Candidates for the position of President of the Council of the York Student Federation:  
Jenny Gonsalves



James Boyle



Malcom Montgomery