

Racism at Sir George, Admin. Office Invaded

MONTREAL (CUP) -- Black students at Sir George Williams University invaded the office of their academic vice-principal Wednesday (Jan. 22) in the latest development in a campus fight over racism.

The seven students were responding to a letter read by Prof. F. S. Abbott to a biology class in which vice-principal John O'Brien referred to "the possibility of violence" in connection with the racist charges.

The charges were first levelled by blacks last spring at Prof. Perry Anderson, who stopped teaching in the ensuing dispute. Abbott took over his class this month, and last week read aloud O'Brien's letter to Anderson in which he suggested that Anderson not teach until the matter was clarified because of "the possibility of violence."

The blacks who visited O'Brien at his office Wednesday night to ask about the letter were told that

he remembered nothing about the phrase "possibility of violence."

Asked to check his files for the letter, O'Brien said he would do it the next day when his secretary returned because he didn't know the filing system. The students insisted O'Brien look for the letter and he finally found it, complete with the "violence" phrase.

O'Brien attempted to leave his office at one point but the students refused to let him go until the matter was clarified.

O'Brien then was asked to write an apology for "not remembering" about the phrase and the letter. He also wrote that he was not under duress when he signed the apology.

In response, an administration memo distributed the next morning charged that the black students "burst" into the office and that O'Brien signed the apology under duress.

The administration also said police have been called in because the incident was a police matter.

O'Brien had also promised to appear at a noon meeting of black students Thursday but did not appear. Instead 800 students who turned up, joined by others who watched a closed-circuit television in the university, heard black spokesmen outline the latest developments.

Anderson, meanwhile, is sticking by his statement to relinquish teaching until the affair is settled. The university's hearing committee into charges against him opens Sunday morning (Jan. 26), but Sunday afternoon black students, who charge that the committee is not impartial, will hold their own hearing.

The university's committee is composed of five faculty members.

Regina Students Picket Negotiations Site

REGINA (CUP) -- About 30 University of Saskatchewan students manned picket lines Wednesday (Jan. 22) as negotiations resumed behind closed doors in the fees collection fight between the board of governors and the student union.

The pickets, members of Students for a Democratic University, delivered an open letter to board representatives headed: "Don't negotiate -- sign the contract now."

Meanwhile the meeting itself made little progress as the student representatives pushed unsuccessfully for a board commitment to collect union fees on union behalf this term.

The board announced Dec. 31 that it would not collect student union fees this term because of union support of the student newspaper The Carillon.

The SDU action was its second of the day. At noon in the campus cafeteria a group of about 50 SDU members in black face held a funeral service for "our good friend openness."

A general student meeting Tuesday agreed to allow the negotiations to go behind closed doors, exactly as board members had insisted.

"Our fallen colleague was born of the recognition of the fact that the government of this province, and its appointed hacks the board of this university, are composed of honest honorable gentlemen, guardians of the public purse, students and the common man," the funeral oration said.

"However, it seems these men are not always honest, not particularly honorable, rapists of the public purse, exploiters of the common man and students alike -- but always carefully gentleman-

ly."

The open letter handed to the board Wednesday night and to students today accused the board of admitting to suppression of free speech, fear of public discussion and stifling student debate on many important issues facing Regina campus.

"There is nothing to negotiate, Sign the contract, as the student union requested in a recent move. Then students, faculty, administrators and the board can move to more substantive issues. Until the contract is signed, the university will stagnate," the letter said.

The board and student council will meet again behind closed doors Saturday morning.

In Wednesday's student-board meeting the student representatives attempted to tape the session to provide "full accountability" to their constituents. The governors denied them on grounds that it was a show of bad faith, although principal W. J. Riddell insisted during another crisis meeting two years ago that he be allowed to tape proceedings.

The students also asked the board whether the compulsory union checkoff for university employees was in question. All but one of the eight governors present said no.

In another area the students suggested that if obscenity in The Carillon is part of the dispute, bookstore copies of Playboy magazine, art depicting nude women and certain texts should also be censored.

One governor agreed that it was a good idea but others thought it irrelevant.

Occupier's names given to Crown

MONCTON (CUP) -- Names of participants in the recent science building occupation at L'Université de Moncton have been turned over to the crown attorney by university rector Adelard Savoie.

With the list of names is a message asking that the matter be treated with care and consideration toward the students. There is no mention of charges, although there has been no word on the results of an investigation of damages conducted last weekend.

A spokesman for the attorney's office said the names will be kept on file until the matter is fully discussed by the university's board of governors.

Student leaders fear that the list will be used as an instrument of blackmail if a boycott of classes is resumed. Besides names of those who took part in the occupation, the list mentions students and faculty who signed a note of sympathy with the protestors.

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ah! the trials and tribulations of sport! every morning our fluffy friend would meet up with a chap on the same model of Honda as hers, and they would stage an impromptu drag to campus. she could always recognize him by his flashy blue helmet with the big M on the front.

one day she hopped into the Campusbank to talk over a supercharger loan to (heh heh) fake out her adversary once and for always.

we must admit that she was surprised to find that famous blue helmet perched jauntily on the top antler of the manager's coat tree!

"I want a loan to buy a supercharger to fake you out..." she mumbled. the manager laughed politely. "I have been considering the same thing" he admitted sheepishly.

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