

Queen's students riot at McGill

By PETER KUITENBROUWER

Forty-five busloads of drunken Queen's University football fans ripped out a metal goal post embedded in concrete, destroyed a concrete block wall and mock-raped a mannequin on the playing field during a McGill-Queen's homecoming football game Sept. 22.

After the game, which Queen's won 59-30, the Queen's fans ripped up artificial turf worth \$500 on the playing field of McGill's Molson Stadium. McGill estimates the Queen's fans caused about \$3,500 damage.

Montreal Urban community riot police came too late as a mob of 1,500 Queen's students were wrenching out the McGill post, but refused to go near the crowd.

"The police feared for their own safety," said Bob Dubeau, athletics director at McGill.

Dubeau explained the visiting crowd's behavior, saying: "The Queen's students' party started on the bus at 8:30 a.m. When they got to the stadium, they were roaring drunk."

"We would have had to have 600 security people to stop them," Dubeau added.

During the game's half time, Queen's students came onto the field with a mannequin on a stick. "I noticed a whole bunch of fellows jumping on the object and destroying the object," Dubeau said.

A Montreal newspaper columnist wrote: "Young men then repeatedly leaped on the wooden model to display how they would rape a woman. The crowd roared its approval."

Near the game's beginning, a nude Queen's student climbed a goalpost and had to be taken down by security. Shortly after, seven Queen's fans dropped their pants and mooned at the crowd.

"I can't see why they (McGill officials and Montrealers) are so surprised about it," said Kent Harrison, student union vice-president external at Queen's University. "It's happened at McGill before."

Queen's athletics director Bob Carnegie said the school is embarrassed about the behavior of the Queen's fans. "I fear the whole Queen's University community will get a bad name from this," he said.

Carnegie and Queen's goalposts never get ripped down at home games because "there's such a mass of students around the goalposts (defending them)."

Harrison said though the student union arranged buses to the games, it could not be expected to pay for the damage. "We could maybe ask Queen's students to behave a bit better."

Dubeau said since the game, many angry people have called to say they will never support McGill's athletics again.

McGill is now scrambling to repair the field for a McGill-Concordia game. Students attending games will now be segregated from adults and children in the stands and a fence will prevent students from going onto the playing field, Dubeau said.

McGill has not yet decided whether to send Queen's an invoice for the damage.

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This student is surprised to learn that walking on thin air is against school policy, but explained it was all part of raising money for multiple sclerosis. Photo: Ellen McKenzie, Dal Photo

SUNS lobbies students to vote in provincial election

By MARY ELLEN JONES

The Students' Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) plans to take a catalytic role in the formation of education issues in the upcoming provincial election.

The main goal of SUNS is to encourage students to vote and to create a higher profile on education issues. "They want to encourage voting through a dissemination of information," says Geoff Martin, SUNS chair. The members of SUNS will be talking to students and informing them about education issues on an individual basis.

SUNS would like to see students become a united group to which the political leaders will have to address.

"When students are a constituency to be wooed more action will be seen," says Martin.

This is the first election in history when students will be able to vote "en masse."

Due to the 1977 Election Amendments Act: "Out of town students, provided that they are ordinary residents, are franchised in Halifax this year."

"When students are voting that is when students' issues will become important," says Martin. This year there will be a large and concentrated student population eligible to vote in one riding. It is possible for students to have a great effect on education issues discussed during this election.

"We can be a voice and we can make it heard," says Martin.

The challenge for SUNS is to make education an important issue. By enumerating and informing students, and by sending out fact sheets and news bulletins, SUNS hopes to succeed in making education a stronger issue.

"We are not going to take on more than we can handle," says Martin.

In future elections specific issues concerning students will be discussed but SUNS' objective for this year is to give education a place on parties' platforms.

SUNS will hold a conference at the University of Kings College on Oct. 19, 20 and 21. International Students' issues and the election will be discussed in addition to a debate between party leaders. □

UNB student prez wants Atlantic revival

SYDNEY, N.S. (CUP)—A student politician in New Brunswick wants Atlantic students to band together in a regional federation which would promote their interests.

John Bosnitch, student union president at the University of New Brunswick, says a regional organization would help Atlantic students overcome their isolation from the rest of the country and could lobby provincial governments about important issues in the region, such as massive tuition fee increases and spiralling rent.

He says he wants to revive the Atlantic Federation of Students, which represented students in the four Atlantic provinces several years ago, because it would mean the first positive step in the student movement since the mid-70s.

"If this is a student movement, I'd like one person to step forward and tell me why it hasn't moved one inch in 10 years."

Bosnitch presented the idea to several student union presidents in the Atlantic in the summer. Although he pointed out the organ-

ization could be democratically run and would not set up what he calls the Canadian Federation of Students' "massive hierarchy," most of the student union presidents were not enthusiastic.

"By the look on their faces, it was an idea they never considered."

Student union presidents in the Atlantic, however, say the region's concerns could be addressed in other ways than what Bosnitch hopes to set up.

Dalhousie student union president Alex Gigeroff says a regional organization cannot act as a lobby group because education policy is set at a provincial level.

"The idea of reviving AFS is a move by Bosnitch to tap into the resources of the Students' Union of Nova Scotia," says Gigeroff.

Michelle Dorsey, student union president at the University of Prince Edward Island, agrees with Gigeroff, saying the provinces should form their own organizations.

Dorsey agrees with Bosnitch that CFS does not adequately represent regional interests, but says the

organization is only three years old and has not yet solved many of its problems.

"You have to build support from the ground up, not from the top down," Dorsey says.

Ed Byrne, student union president at Memorial University in Newfoundland, says the region must work with CFS to make the organization stronger. "An Atlantic Federation of Students would work against CFS," he said.

But at least one student union president says the idea could prove useful. Carolyn Hann of the University of Cape Breton says a regional organization would improve communication among student unions.

"It would help the universities keep in touch with each other," she said. "CFS is too widespread. An AFS could concentrate on problems closer to our area."

Bosnitch plans to meet with the student union presidents again within the next two months. He says he is certain they can be convinced.