



—George Drohomirecki photo

**THE BATTLE OF THE SEXES WAS RESOLVED**—At least temporarily this weekend when the men and women from Lister Hall got together for an ice-statute-building contest. Vira Radio, sci 1, proudly surveys the results of teamwork between seventh floor Henday and seventh floor Kelsey. The winners of the contest were third floor McKenzie and fifth floor Kelsey.

## An open letter to education students

On Monday, Jan. 13 I resigned as your representative on the students' council. Had I any belief that even a minority of the current students' council had even a conception of the relevant work they could be doing for the student body, or that there was any way these nonexistent people, if realizing the possibilities of such work, could push past Miss Pilkington's active resistance to realize their aims, I would not have resigned my seat on council. It is apparent to me (and indeed most observers who attend council meetings) that

the Pilkington council has no intention of even attempting to do any relevant work for the students of this campus, and indeed even refuses to consider such work when alternatives to their present "do-nothing" policies are offered.

I do have some reservations about the effectiveness of my resignation. However, I can honestly claim it is quite useless for myself or anyone else to even attempt to change the student council's self-defeating "chicken" philosophy.

—Greg Berry

# Students strike

## Demand president resign after 7-day building siege

MONCTON (CUP) — Students at L'Universite de Moncton voted Saturday to strike "until administration president Adelard Savoie and four of his executives resign."

Students were outraged when Savoie called police on campus to end their week-long occupation of the science building.

They occupied the building last Saturday to back demands for more government aid for the French-language university.

The vote came at 3:15 p.m., six hours after 62 city police and a number of RCMP moved more than 100 occupants out of the building, without incident.

The decision of the student council was met with a 20-minute standing ovation by the 300 students in attendance at the open meeting.

The evacuation by the police came as a surprise to the students who were prepared to leave the building by Friday night if Savoie agreed to a faculty proposal for an arbitration commission.

The proposal came out of a seven-hour faculty meeting Friday, the first meeting to be held by this group since the occupation began. It recommended formation of a committee of three students and three administrators with mutually acceptable members. The faculty also:

- Supported student demands for federal aid, although they did not support the occupation itself

- Called for a two-day university-wide study session, Saturday and Monday, to discuss the crisis

- Called on the provincial and federal governments to give the university \$32 million in aid

- Demanded better facilities and co-management of the university by students, faculty and administration.

- Demanded publication of the university budget, now a confidential document.

According to student external vice-president Bernard Jauvin, the occupying students were pleased with the faculty proposals. But when they phoned Savoie late Friday night to say they were ready to pull out, he told them he had already called the police. It was later learned that Savoie rejected the faculty

proposal, considering acceptance to be given under duress.

The whole affair has been confused by lack of formal communications between Savoie, faculty and students. Students were in informal discussions with administration and faculty during the week of occupation, but now feel betrayed.

The students will take part in study sessions on Monday and "will probably set up barricades" to stop anyone from attending classes, Jauvin said.

One important demand has already been met: the financial information requested by students and faculty has been made public.

The students are also demanding parity on all university government decision-making bodies, including the Board of Governors.

## Arts students to unite for representation

By ELAINE VERBICKY

A union of arts students may be in existence by the end of February.

A general meeting of students in arts courses Thursday in TLB-1 accepted in principle a proposal for unionization on a departmental basis.

About 150 students attended the meeting, which was chaired by Ron MacDonald, arts 3.

The union will attempt to form an identifiable arts collectivity, work for student representation on departmental, faculty and administrative committees, and act as a grievance adjuster for students with complaints against courses or arts administration.

At the Thursday meeting, students from most of the arts faculty departments volunteered to help organize departmental rallies to elect representatives. The departmental representatives would form an arts union steering committee.

Chairman Ron MacDonald proposed all substantive policy decisions of the union be made, not by the steering committee, but by vote of all arts students at regular meetings.

February 28 was set as a target for beginning union operations. By then, it is hoped, all departments will have elected their representatives. MacDonald pointed out it is necessary to get a majority of students in each department turning out to the department rallies in order that the union be truly representative of arts students—a legal union.