

Sociology foment continues . . .**Arts building to be discussion centre on tenure problem**

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A recommendation by the head of the sociology department that professors Donald Whiteside and Sethard Fisher be denied tenure has provided now fuel for smoldering student protest centred on the department.

The basis for the recommendation appears to be that the two professors have not shown a "capability of working effectively" as members of the department.

That charge is "aimed at several different animosities" says Prof. Fisher. "It's mainly a difference between an authoritarian and a democratic point of view," he said.

Prof. Whiteside has said the charges against himself and Prof. Fisher are unsubstantiated and that the department, "structured as it is now, is morally bankrupt."

Both say they will appeal the decision of the faculty tenure committee if the committee rules against them and that they will take the matter to court if necessary.

All professors' contracts make provision for a four-year probationary period. After two years the contract is reviewed and either withdrawn or renewed. After four years, the contract will not be reviewed again and the professor has tenure for the duration of his stay on campus.

Although no direct reference has been made by Prof. Hirabayashi to events concerning the department last December which culminated in a student march on the department offices and an open meeting of the staff and students which made public a deep faculty split within the department; some students feel that these events are at the base of the recommendation.

At a rally Wednesday, the recommendation and the secrecy of university files were presented as examples of "political repression."

Though the rally in front of University Hall got off to a bad start with conservative students heckling the radical demonstrators, it ended on a more constructive note as students began to discuss the issues.

The refusal of tenure to Whiteside and Fisher was seen as a direct reprisal against the profs for their outspoken minority positions in the faculty split. This was seen as discrimination against a minority viewpoint.

A group of students met in the graduate lounge in Tory building on Friday and Saturday where the following demands were formulated for presentation to the Dean of Arts following another rally to be held on Wednesday noon in SUB theatre. The demands are:

(1) The rejection of the recommendation of Gordon Hirabayashi,

head of the Sociology department, regarding Don Whiteside and Seth Fisher.

(2) 50-50 student participation in all decisions to be implemented immediately. Control equals parity in curriculum, hiring and firing, tenure promotion, and salary increments.

(3) The end of subjective criteria of "professionalism" in hiring, firing, promotion and tenure. Proper criteria must be formulated and enacted through demand no. 2.

(4) Every member of the university be allowed to see his own file on request. Any item in this file may be challenged as to its

validity and removed if false or misleading. A committee of students and faculty—50-50 parity—will establish validity.

(5) An immediate end to all forms of political repression on this university.

The question of access to university files arose when students, in an effort to find what was happening with regard to the Fisher and Whiteside cases, were told by the Dean that he had secret files on every member of the university and that no one had access to his or her own file.

After these demands are presented the present plan of action

is to "liberate" the Arts building.

Classes normally held in the Arts building will rescheduled into vacant rooms in the Tory building, while the classrooms in the Arts building will be used as centers for the discussion of issues of interest to the students.

"This action will be a liberation, not a sit-in or an occupation," said Jon Borda. He defined the difference by saying that an occupation calls for the closing down of a building.

"We want to open the doors, so that the students can come in and discuss whatever is on their minds."

Using the Arts building as a center of operations, students in groups or as individuals will go out into other buildings on the campus to discuss issues, and encourage students to come to the classrooms in the arts building to join the discussion.

"If the cops come we may gain some valuable insights into the hang-ups of being a cop in our society," said one person at the meetings.

It was agreed that the offices in the building would be off-limits. All that is required are the classrooms and Con Hall to provide centres for discussion.

Windsor occupation successful—student demands granted

WINDSOR (CUP) — Students occupying a University of Windsor building for ten days went home peacefully late Thursday night, claiming victory over administration president J. F. Leddy.

The occupation, sparked by the dismissal of theology professor William Kelly, involved some 150 students using Kelly's case to press student power demands on the administration.

Thursday, Leddy brought the tedious vigil to an end with an apparently satisfactory response to the occupiers' demands.

He refused to grant absolute parity on university committees, but promised to recommend 25 per cent student representation to a special committee on university government. He also said he would propose the addition of three students to the government committee raising its size to eleven.

He responded to demands for openness in the university by noting that senate meetings have been open for some time and promised to suggest to the Board of Governors that it consider opening its meetings.

He said no reprisals would be taken against the occupiers.

He pledged to accept any recommendation the Faculty Association makes to resolve the Kelly affair. The student had pressed for an investigation into the circumstances surrounding Kelly's dismissal, but the Faculty, unable to decide what to do, has thrown the matter to its own executive for further study.

Kelly's statement, worked out during negotiations with representatives of the occupation forces, came twenty-four hours after the student body backed the occupation demands by referendum.

Students voted to endorse the demands 1,333-1,055 but rejected a student strike should negotiations break down by a count of 1,579-847.

The student demands included:

full parity on all university committees, an offer of reinstatement to Kelly, open meetings of all university committees, an amnesty for the occupiers.

Kelly, who joined the university's theology department last fall only to find out in January that he would not be rehired, said Thursday he hoped a committee could be established to investigate his dismissal.

Theology Chairman Rev. Eugene Malley accused Kelly, a Roman Catholic layman, of "causing tension in the department" because he didn't understand its ideals—

apparently a dispute over doctrine. Kelly has been called an ultra-liberal theologian, Malley a conservative.

In the ensuing dispute and occupation, other members of the theology department argued the decision openly—some joined the occupation.

Rev. Vernon McEagern, united Church Chaplain and a part-time lecturer, charged several days ago that the decision to drop Kelly came from Malley alone, not the department.

But the theology department issued a statement supporting Malley by an eight to two margin.

**Official notices
CSA Referendum**

The Council of the Graduate Students' Association will hold a referendum this week on a revised constitution.

Ballots together with copies of the constitution were mailed Feb. 19 and should be returned by Wednesday. All graduate students are urged to cast their ballot since major changes have been made to improve the working of the association and to strengthen communication within graduate departments.

If the Constitution is accepted by the members, new departmental representatives will be elected to the GSA council in the following weeks. The executive will then be chosen from this Council by the council members. Departments who have as yet not elected a representative are urged to do so as soon as possible.

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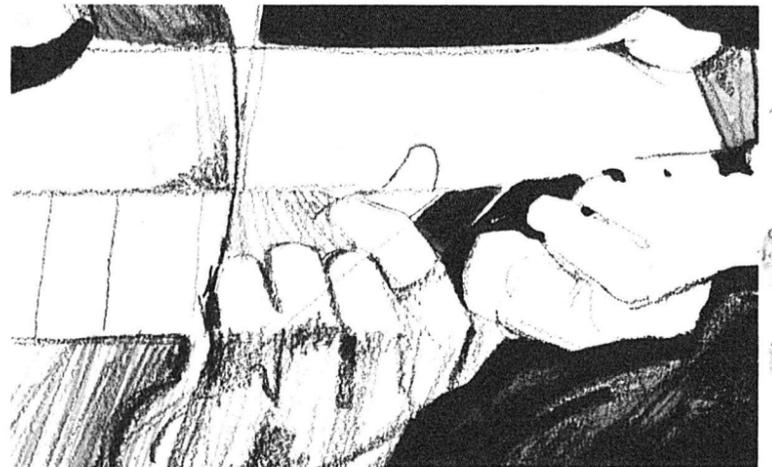
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