

Blacks given runaround in Montreal, occupy building and issue ultimatum

Montreal (CUP) . . .

Sir George Williams University in Montreal is having student problems.

It started last February, when black students accused one of their professors, Perry Anderson, of prejudice. Nothing was done until a group of concerned blacks marched into the office of the Dean of Students, Dr. M. Flynn, with racial and academic complaints against Anderson.

A student-faculty committee was set up to investigate the charges but no open decision was arrived at. The administration felt that they could shove the matter under the carpet.

In September it was decided to reconvene a meeting to reopen the issue, but again nothing was done.

On Dec. 5, students occupied one of the faculty offices, demanding a committee acceptable to them be set up to review the matter for once and for all.

The composition of the committee was ironed out, and the administration had expressed its approval and confidence when the blacks spoke out against it. The committee then adjourned and the principal of Sir George Williams resigned.

On Jan. 10, six black student presented formal charges against Anderson to the adminis-

tration. But a week later, the committee threw out these charges, and called for a meeting between all parties concerned.

This meeting disintegrated, with recriminations and threats of violence. On Jan. 23, black students issued a statement that they "refused to recognize the committee's authority, because (they) were not consulted on filling its vacancies."

Wednesday, Jan. 29, a group of black students occupied the computer centre on campus and issued the following statement.

"This decisive move (occupation of the centre) was motivated by the university's totalitarian and arbitrary methods in dealing with charges of racial discrimination and incompetence made by six black Caribbean students against one Professor P. Anderson of the biology department.

"We vow to prolong this just occupation of this vital nerve centre of the university until justice is properly meted out to us and the whole university community which is also affected by the universally known rigidity of all university hierarchies."

The university rents the computers in the centre at a cost of approximately \$1,000 per hour, and there are fears that the delicate machines might be totally ruined should the seige continue much longer.

Carnival not all my fault, says Stodart

The chief organizer of Winter Carnival, Andrew Stodart, says he is not entirely responsible for Carnival's failure.

Stodart was replying to an Excalibur article criticizing him and his committees for the results of the Winter Carnival two weeks ago.

Each college invested \$1000 in the Carnival, hoping for a profit-

able return, and delegated a social representative to work with Stodart.

Stodart explained that each college was given one day out of the four-day schedule to design and organize events, but the failure of the social reps to inform him of plans on time kept details out of the carnival handbook.

Stodart blamed poor perform-

ances by the entertainers on the failure of the booking agency to coordinate its affairs.

He said he was disappointed to learn that while local high school students and those at U of T were benefitting from the Carnival, York students were not.

He suggested that York students are somehow hard to please socially.

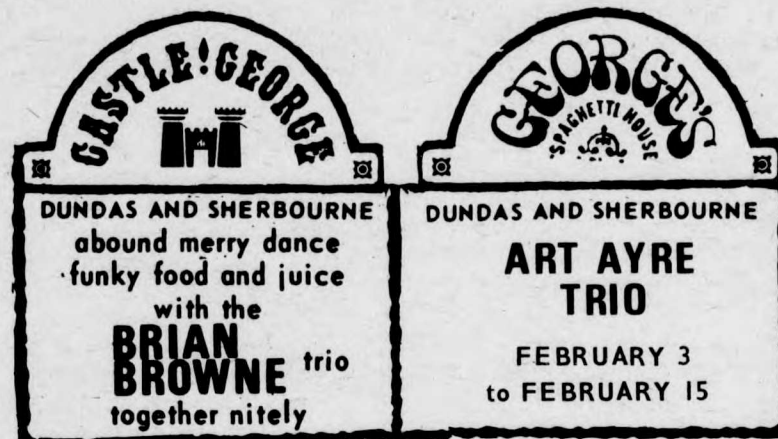
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K. H. Lougheed, and W. R. Winslade, secondary school principals from Sault Ste. Marie will be on York Campus Thursday, February 20 to discuss secondary school teaching in Sault Ste. Marie with prospective graduates. Arrangements for interviews may be made through the Director of Placement, Student Placement Service, 202E Vanier.

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