

McGill Students May Press Charges

MONTREAL (CUP) — The McGill University students society may bring charges against the Quebec Provincial Police and a local trucking firm in connection with incidents during a student border blockade Wednesday (October 1).

Society vice-president Dave Young said Thursday the society's lawyers would be asked to investigate legal action against the QPP, who impounded five buses laden with demonstrators driving to take part in the national protest against Thursday's underground A-blast in the Aleutians, and against a firm whose vehicle charged through leafletting demonstrators at the Champlain, N. Y. border crossing.

The QPP forced demonstrators — students, housewives, and children — to walk the last eight miles to the crossing, claiming the buses were not licenced to transport people "under these circumstances."

The protestors extended their planned one-hour demonstration for three hours, until their transportation was returned.

It's fortunate that it didn't cause a riot, Young said, adding that police told him they would arrest anyone who tried to walk on the highway. No arrests were made.

The transport truck attempted to crash the student blockade at the border, sending students scrambling out of its path.

"It's a wonder five people weren't killed," said an eye witness.



Halifax University Students Protesting at Halifax Airport

8 More PSA Profs Suspended

BURNABY (CUP) — The Simon Fraser University administration Friday (October 3) began dismissal procedures against eight of 11 striking professors from the department of political science, sociology and anthropology, and placed the eight on suspension until their firing is completed.

In a letter to each of the professors, administration president Kenneth Strand made good an administration threat issued September 24, the day the PSA department went on strike, in an effort to bring administrators to the negotiating table and end an administration trusteeship over the department.

The eight professors are deposed department head Mordecai Briemberg, Kathleen Aberle, John Leggett, Prudence Wheeldon, Louis Feldhammer, Nathan Popkin, David Potter, and Saghir Ahmad.

All of the professors except Ahmad were denied tenure, demoted or placed on probation by the administration tenure committee in late August, overturning recommendations made by the department's own tenure committee. Ahmad, a visiting professor in the PSA department, had strongly supported PSA resistance to the administration.

Strand and acting administration vice-president L.M. Srivastava set a deadline of 5 p.m. Wednesday for the professors to declare that they would attend regularly scheduled classes and teach course material as described in the university calendar and approved by the academic senate. Failure to respond, they said, would constitute ground for dismissal.

None of the striking faculty responded.

The suspensions, according to Strand, became effective at noon Friday.

The professors were relieved of all teaching and committee duties, and lost all voting privileges "in any decision-making body in the university".

They are still eligible to draw salary, and welfare and library benefits — until their firing is completed.

Strand also forbade the professors to "engage in any activity that causes or may cause a disruption of the normal activities

of this university" — in effect, a command to cease aiding or supporting the nine-day-old PSA strike.

According to Strand, the professors "abused the trust of those students who enrolled and paid for instruction" at SFU, and "who now find their programs of studies disrupted and thwarted" by their actions.

Course re-scheduling is particularly difficult at this time during the university year, Strand said, "and it may prove impossible to provide instruction in these courses".

In an open letter to SFU students issued today, Srivastava encouraged all students affected by the PSA strike to apply for course transfers if they desired.

"Every effort will be made to accommodate transferring students," he said.

Carleton U. Students Protest Crowded Classrooms

OTTAWA (CUP) — Carleton University students, frustrated by overcrowded classroom conditions, have petitioned the university administration to set up a joint student-faculty-administration committee to investigate the problem.

The students called for both long-range solutions, and answers which would be immediately applicable to their present plight. Short-term responses, they said, should be available by the end of October; a long-range committee report by January 15, 1970.

CUS LOSES TRENT U.

PETERBOROUGH (CUP) — There are still only 13 member-unions in the Canadian Union of Students, following a referendum at Trent University Thursday (October 2).

Students at the 1,300-student campus turned down the national union by a vote of 415 to 954 following a largely perfunctory campaign; student council president John McQuade put it down to complacency on the part of Trent Students.

"The CUS referendum was defeated not because of the anti-CUS campaign but because on the Trent myth," he said, "The belief held by the majority of students and faculty that the Trent system is in effect radically different and qualitatively superior to that of any other institution within the Canadian educational system."

Trent had never previously belonged to CUS.

CUS's record now stands at 1-1, with the victory recorded at Simon Fraser University September 25 and 26.

Crucial referenda for CUS will take place at Carleton University October 20 and at the University of Toronto October 23. Success in these two votes — particularly of U of T balloting — will probably determine the financial survival of the union.

"The senate has taken no cognizance of the problem", said student council president Lorenz Schmidt. "The only way it would discuss the problem is if a bureaucratic, agenda-filling motion could be introduced.

"I would hope the petition would be seen by the senate as a good indication of how much students are interested in what happens to them in their classes"

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The following girls have been selected as finalists for the Fall Festival Queen Pageant

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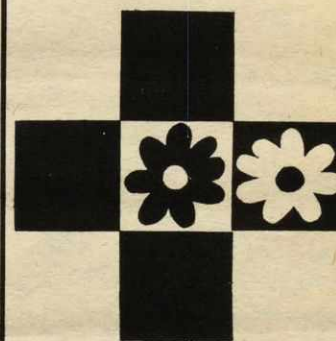
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