

## Boycott at Ottawa U.

OTTAWA (CUP) - Federal and provincial student aid plans came under heavy fire Dec. 2 as students at the University of Ottawa continued to cut classes in protest.

The Dec. 2 study session followed a Friday (Nov. 29) class boycott. While the protest was originally called after delays in the arrival of Quebec student loans and grants which left many students in debt, it quickly mushroomed into a general attack on student aid programs.

The students say the Ontario, Quebec, and Canada student award plans have failed to keep up with the spiralling cost of housing, food, clothing, books, tuition and transportation.

The Friday class boycott was held in conjunction with CEGEP students throughout Quebec. Meanwhile Dawson College students will boycott classes for three days this week joining province wide protests of other Quebec students.

"The boycott is aimed at pressuring Quebec to renegotiate the criteria which determines how much money a student gets when he applies for a loan," said Dawson college student association president Chris Morris.

"Obviously we are also supporting the continuing class boycott by French speaking CEGEP students."

The English language college is Quebec's largest CEGEP with 7,000 students.

Across the province 28 of Quebec's 36 other colleges were "completely closed down" according to Jean Marc Bousquet, a spokesman for the newly formed

Association Nationale de Etudiants du Quebec (ANEQ) which organized the protest.

Last week ANEQ headquarters at the college regional, Bourgehemin, in St. Hyacinthe reported 100,000 students participated in the boycotts including students from the Universite de Montreal, and the Universites de Quebec and Laval.

The walkouts were triggered by the government's slowness in sending back loans, and errors that made cheques average \$30 less than the amount students were entitled to receive.

During weekend talks Quebec agreed to permit students who failed to apply for loans by the Sept. 30 deadline to reapply.

The government also agreed to process requests for additional loans up to \$500 by students who feel they are entitled to more money.

But the education ministry has refused to negotiate ANEQ's five central demands:

---That \$500 be automatically granted to any student who applies for a loan.

---that students start paying back loans six months after they find their job. (At present they must begin six months after their schooling begins.)

---that the income of parents of students who are 18 years of age no longer be taken into account when the student's needs for a loan are examined.

---that a maximum of only \$400 of whatever a student earns in the summer or part time be taken into account when calculating loans needs. (At present all of a

student's income is counted.) ---that students who have dropped out of college or university for financial reasons be allowed to enrol again.

### LETTERS CONT'D

be the best article I have read to date in this paper, especially considering that it was presumably written by a Dalhousie student. Is this the same B.K. that wrote several poems a few issues back? Thanks you B.W.K.

Kevin Moore.

### RINK RIP-OFF

To The Editor;

I would like to bring up the current rink "rip-off" at the Dalhousie Memorial Rink. Dalhousie students, in this particular case, residents from Howe Hall, are forfeiting ice time supposedly to them, to non-students. There is increasing evidence of the rink manager's (Bob Towner) arrogance in overlooking the rights of the people who pay for the running of the rink. His pet league this year "the Gentlemen's League", is currently using up the ice time assigned to Howe Hall. Who should have priority in this matter, the students, or friends of certain people in positions of authority? It's very disturbing to go to the rink and find that your ice time has been given out to strangers. The administrators of the rink say that they have a commitment to the community. What about their commitment to the students of Dalhousie University?

The chief course of most grievances is the mode of scheduling. Miss Nila Ipson is grossly incompetent in her position of intramural co-ordinator and Bob Towner seems to serve only to confuse the issue. They make the "schedule" of ice allocation nothing but a joke!

The current example of this mismanagement occurred on the night of Thursday, December 12, 1974. Howe Hall was told through Peter Bloxam, the Residence Sports Co-ordinator, that they had been assigned ice time from 11:00-12:00 p.m. on that evening. Upon arriving at the rink we found that our ice time had been taken once again by Mr. Towner and his "Gentlemen's League".

The explanation given by the rink authorities was that the "rink schedule" is now changed daily and the "new schedule" for the day had pre-empted our ice time in favour of the "Gentlemen's League".

How is a student to know when he or she will have the ice if the schedule is in a continual state of flux?

We would urge the Dalhousie Gazette in the power it holds as a public forum to investigate this matter and report of it to the general student body.

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## Meeting Disrupted

MONTREAL (CUP) - The Board of Governors at McGill University was disrupted by 50 students, Nov. 25, who demanded that the members openly declare their position on the United Aircraft strike.

The members of the Board refused to discuss the issue and immediately cancelled the meeting.

The students organized by the Workers' Support Committee-McGill, insisted that the Board of Governors "cannot remain silent" on an issue "with which they have such close connections."

G. Arnold Hart a member of the Board of Governors, is also a member of the Board of Directors at the United Aircraft Company of Canada.

The students, occupying the meeting room, expressed their solidarity with the striking United Aircraft workers by reading a list of

the workers' demands singing, and chanting slogans.

They entered the meeting after discussion of confidential business had begun. According to students' spokesman Jeffrey Kugler the group wanted to attend the open part of the meeting, but were unable to because it lasted only 11 minutes.

Kugler requested that information sheets which students were distributing to the members of the Board be read and discussed.

Chairman of the Board, S.M. Finlayson forbade discussion, saying the issue was not on the agenda, which had been distributed a week ago. Kugler pointed out that the agenda is sent only to the Board members, and students do not have access to it.

Kugler said that Hart's presence on the university's governing board "shows how the people who run the universities and those who run the big corporations are all part of the same ruling class."

"By having someone like Hart among them, the Board of Governors has already taken a position against the workers at United Aircraft," he said. "We want them to make their anti-worker position public and stop trying to pretend they are neutral."

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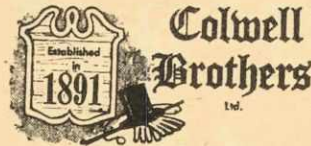
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