## Feudal Loyola meets modern police state

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"Academic freedom has gotten out of hand on this campus.

members.

demands.

But in doing that, by sitting

in a building for six days, and

by meeting nothing but

uncompromising feudalism from the Jesuit administration,

confused about their

understanding of obedience that the traditional parental

image of the administration

granted, until they were faced

tough cops ready to bust them

at the word of an acting

"Those cops were your mothers," English professor Sean Kelly told a mass meeting

of students the day after the

sit-in ended. Kelly is one of the

fired faculty. And he's one of

the only people in the university who could be

greater importance. As Kelly put it, "something

is happening to these kids. You

can't be a little bit smart, and

you can't be a little bit

pregnant, and you can't be just

a little bit free. Those students

are wanting more freedom. "They knew in their guts

will start figuring it out in their

"Now there's an unholy

considered a leftist.

standards.

president A.J. Graham, S.J.

a process has occurred.

That's Jack O'Brien, the Academic Vice-President at Loyolá College.

Coming from a member of an administration that has committed one of the most blatant violations of academic aprocess has occurred. Young, upper-middle class, Catholic kids (many only 16 and 17 years old) have become freedom at a university in recent memory, his statement is ironic, to say the least.

In a somewhat tactless political purge, the Loyola administration announced just before Christmas it would not renew the contracts of 27 of their teaching staff.

The faux pas of most of those faculty was to question the unexplained firing of Physics Professor S.A. Santhanam. Seventeen of them had signed a petition calling for CAUT arbitration.

Last week a sit-in in front of the president's office won the sympathy of nearly all the students and the majority of the faculty, and the active support of up to 500 members of the 4,200-member academic freedom has much community at Loyola.

Leaving the political paralysis of the U of T – the internal confusion of the left and the static confusion of committees – my arrival at Loyola College Monday was like stepping into another century.

Loyola College has why they were there when they saw the cops. Soon they weathered eight sit-ins over the issue of non-renewal of 100 of heads." Montreal's hard-core riot cops.

But there isn't a left-wing student movement at Loyola. Just an academic community fighting for some vestige of academic freedom. Their's is not a radical issue. Essentially the demonstrators were trying to preserve the status quo that

existed at Loyola before the are the enemy too." firings. They are trying to protect the jobs of faculty

Kelly is laughed off by most of the university, but he understands the situation in his own hippie-anarchist way.

"The whole of the west end of Montreal is like Ontario unreal," Kelly said. "You've never seen such a bunch of kids. Before they could flex their cream of wheat muscles, the cops came in. They realized that Nazis were not just something that happens in a

book. "We're fighting the French Revolution – this is not 1970 – we're fighting to make a They took authority for university that wouldn't have been laughed out of the 19th century. with the physical reality of 100

Students are reacting more and more to the paternal authority of this medieval university. When Acting President A.J. Graham told them to leave, he also said it was for their own good.

The administration's tactics were rough -no: co-operation

here. Four stages: \*firing 27 professors because they contradicted an administrative decision and tested freedom of speech;

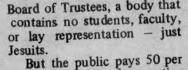
\*shifting the responsibility to the Quebec government when the situation got too tense;

\*closing the university for a week to isolate the militants and legally transform them into trespassers;

\*prophesying "trouble" after five days of non-violence, then bringing in the police to

create it. The Loyola administration had created the crisis. The Students are united with academic community has just faculty in an attempt to responded to it. But now the achieve "respectable" academic students and faculty are beginning to take an active part in questioning the entire alliance with the faculty," said a u t h o r i t y Kelly, "and that won't last administration. of the

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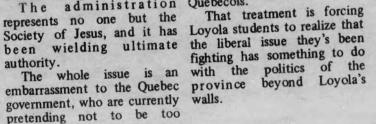
costs; the students pay 45 per upper-middle class students cent, and private donations account for 5 per cent. The administration

represents no one but the

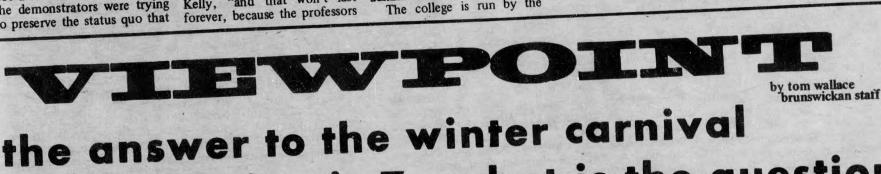
government, who are currently walls. pretending not to be too

Board of Trustees, a body that concerned about English universities anyway. Most of the Montreal press is on the side of the militants.

Loyola is an anachronism in cent of the college's operating Quebec. But paradoxically its have received the same police-state treatment as the Quebecois.



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