

Daily Editors

Resign In Protest

High Handed Action Of Students' Council Results In Resignation Of Managing Board And Associates

Resignation Of Entire Managing And Associate Boards Follows Suspension of News Editor By Students' Council — Object To Publication Of Human Interest Story Which Appeared Last Wednesday — Law And Dentistry Representatives Object To Council Ruling.

The entire Managing Board of the McGill Daily and all associate editors have resigned in protest against the high-handed action of the Students' Executive Council in bringing about the suspension of the News Editor Ernest Crown, Graduate Student.

The immediate cause of the order from the Council suspending the News Editor was the publication in the McGill Daily of Wednesday, November 30 of a story written by a reporter entitled "Beer Infuses Students With Carefree Jollity." The Council at a meeting on Monday night, decided, despite the objection of Allan Talbot the Editor-in-chief, of Alastair Watt, Law representative and of Jerry Sparks, representative from Dentistry, that the person responsible for the publication of the story should be suspended from the Daily, for the college year.

Inasmuch as the News Editor had read the story before it was sent down to the printer, it was the opinion of the Managing Board that responsibility should be taken off the shoulders of the reporter for the story. After a conference yesterday at which, strange to say, the members who had voted against the expulsion were significantly absent, the Council allowed the motion to stand.

The Managing Board of the Daily do not feel that the story which was simply a human interest story in which the facts were essentially correct, justified such a move on the part of the Students' Executive Council. They feel that the motion is ridiculous in the extreme and that the Council in pressing the move are simply trying to correct by the wrong

means something which was simply a matter to be handled internally by the Daily.

The Daily was advised by the university authorities after publication of the story that the story was injudicious, but the truth of the facts were not questioned. At a meeting of the entire staff, reporters were told that in future no stories of this type were to be written for publication. The News Editor was told that as far as the Daily was concerned the matter was at an end.

As a matter of fact the Daily in which the story appeared was posted on the wall of the Daily office with this note on it: "No more publicity on beer drinking students."

Alastair Watt, Law representative to the Council speaking to a member of the Managing Board of the Daily stated that although he considered that the story which caused the action of protest should not have been

printed in the first place, he thought that the Council were making a mountain out of a molehill.

The following members of the McGill Daily editorial board announce their resignation, Allan Talbot, Editor-in-chief, John Rowat, Managing Editor, Ernest Crown, News Editor, P. J. Gitnick, Exchange Editor, D. H. Black, R. A. C. Douglas, H. Finkel, M. E. Goldenberg, H. B. Hicks, S. L. Janikun, H. L. Place, A. A. Walsh, associate editors.