



—photo by Al Scarth

THIS IS THE WAUNEITA LOUNGE—or rather it was. Actually it's the GFC hashing out knotty problems Monday night, at its first open meeting. There is definitely (old) SUB stantial change in the surroundings. The visitors gallery is at the right. Dr. Johns, president of the university, is seated at

the far centre. Phil Ponting, with Marilyn Pilkington at his right, is the front row, with his back to the camera. They are the student reps on the board.

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McGill occupied

Poli sci. classes blocked

MONTREAL (CUP)—The occupation of the McGill University political science department moved into its second day Tuesday with a completely successful boycott of all political science courses.

No professors or students crossed picket lines set up in front of all regularly scheduled classes.

Some 75 students spent the night on the fourth floor of the Leacock Humanities Building and awoke Tuesday to a schedule of 11 separate counter-classes, lectures and seminars organized by the occupation committee.

Among group leaders were speakers from UGEQ, Columbia, the once-occupied CEGEPS and McGill's Black Writers Congress. Topics included: guerrilla warfare, black power and the correct handling of authoritarian professors.

There were no student-faculty negotiations during the day as the faculty seemed prepared to wait a while before playing their hand. At a noon plenary, the students set up a five-man negotiating team to reopen talks with the faculty. The students hope to begin Wednesday but there is no indication that the faculty is inclined to talk.

The occupiers have accepted mediation offers from the dean of arts and science, H. D. Woods, and the president of the arts and science undergraduate society, Paul Wong. Woods was a labor mediator before he was brought to McGill.

Starting on Wednesday, the occupiers will initiate a system of parallel courses to be held at the same time as classes are normally scheduled. They will be led by

graduate students, teaching assistants and honor students.

The occupying students are supported by: UGEQ, CUS, The Committee for a Free University at Sir George Williams, L'Association Generale des Etudiants de l'Universite de Montreal, the students of the social science faculty at the University of Ottawa (in the middle of their own occupation), the ASUS at McGill (which has contributed \$200 to occupation funds), Students for a Democratic Society at McGill and the three man executive of the McGill Students Society.

The dispute centres around a revised student demand for one-third representation on all committees and councils of the department. The proposal is a compromise set by the students after faculty rejection of an earlier call for student-teacher parity.

The faculty countered with a committee by committee proposal which in most cases cedes no more than 25 per cent representation. The key to the whole affair is the committee on hiring and firing staff and staff promotions. Faculty wants no undergraduate representation there and is willing only to seat one PhD student on the six man committee.

This is the major obstacle to settlement. Neither side is as yet willing to give up its stance on this key committee.

The occupation followed a two-month-long negotiation process that finally stalled after faculty rejection of the student compromise settlement.

The strike vote was taken on Monday afternoon and after an hour-long meeting the students, some 150 of them, moved into the building.

Historic GFC meeting draws a small crowd

By ELAINE VERBICKY

A quiet, ordinary, historic event occurred Monday.

The university opened its General Faculty Council to public and press for the first time.

The opening of the meeting was the fruit of half a year of discussion and lobbying by the students' union.

In response to popular demand, GFC decided at its last meeting to allow students and faculty to sit in on the making of decisions affecting them.

GFC is responsible for student affairs, academic affairs and most policy planning.

There were only 44 seats in the gallery. GFC issued tickets for reserved seats and expected to turn people away at the doors.

Nobody came.

The news media turned out—and left early.

The only students who came were either Gateway reporters or members of students' council.

So GFC just settled into business. In a four-hour meeting it covered a sixteen item budget.

It tabled a report from the Academic Development Committee suggesting U of A expand above its enrollment ceiling of 18,000 students.

It referred a report on a semester system for the university for further study.

It received a report from the Library Committee suggesting 8 per cent of the total university

budget be used for library facilities since library pressures are escalating rapidly.

It tabled proposed changes in admissions requirements out of high school into university, hashed out knotty appointments to a computing facilities committee and deferred appointing a committee on transportation and parking.

It took action on a request for cancellation of arts classes for a

teach-in today, defeating the motion by an overwhelming majority on grounds of impossibly short notice from teach-in organizers.

The material under discussion was important, and much of it was directly related to student concerns, but somehow the meeting was not exciting.

It was just a lot of hard work for everybody concerned.

Class cancellation for arts teach-in suffers GFC defeat

By ELAINE VERBICKY

General Faculty Council Monday refused to cancel arts faculty classes for today's arts teach-in.

The suggestion went down to overwhelming defeat, with only student representatives Marilyn Pilkington, Phil Ponting, Richard Watson and one professor voting in favor.

GFC heard a presentation from students' council arts rep Boyd Hall requesting cancellation of classes.

The Convocation Hall teach-in on problems in the faculty of arts is to be held from about 9 a.m. this morning to an indefinite time tonight.

"The arts students want to share in the duties of the Arts Faculty

Council," said Hall. "This presupposes a communicative arts faculty."

Many members of GFC favored the idea in principle but opposed cancelling classes on three days notice.

Students Marilyn Pilkington and Phil Ponting spoke in favor of the motion to cancel classes, but arts dean D. E. Smith refused to take a stand on the proposal.

GFC chairman Dr. Walter H. Johns commented after the vote, "I'm sure some people here voted against the motion because there will be a much better teach-in attendance with classes in session. Cancel classes and people won't bother to come to campus."

Said Boyd Hall, "I'm not surprised at the results."