

'It was an ambush'

Cornell women paint recruiters

ITHACA, N.Y. (LNS) — Four women toting gallon cans of paint ran up to the marine officers recruiting at Cornell University's Barton Hall, Sept. 25, and doused them with paint. One recruiter, Captain Donald Frank, was covered from head to foot, front and back, with purple, white and yellow paint. Two other officers, a blanket, and a projector were splattered with paint. Damage was estimated to be over \$250.

Three of the women escaped, but the fourth, Mary Jo Ghory, slipped on the pool of paint and

was caught and arrested. Mary Jo, who graduated from Cornell last June and is now working as a short-order cook in the Cornell student union, was arraigned that day in Ithaca City Court on a charge of second degree criminal mischief, a class E felony which could carry a prison term of up to four years upon conviction. She was released on \$2,500 bail the same afternoon and the preliminary court hearing for her case was set for Sept. 30.

The marine officers under attack did not quite know how to

deal with the women painters. They were most concerned about the damage to their expensive uniforms and brightly-shined shoes. One feared that his car had been damaged in the incident. One offered to answer any questions the women might have about the U.S. military, while another commented, "As far as I was concerned, it was an ambush and I wanted a prisoner."

The paint-tossing follows an incident during registration on Sept. 11 in which six women described as "well-dressed" overturned air force and army ROTC recruiting tables and knocked down a blackboard atop a navy ROTC recruiting table. All six escaped.

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Ontario profs want 20% pay hike

Ontario's 6,500 university professors want an average salary increase of 20 per cent (roughly \$2,730) for the 1970-71 academic year. Charles Hanly, executive vice-chairman of the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations said Oct. 4 that the average salary for Ontario professors and deans for 1968-69 was \$13,659. OCUFA represents the various faculty associations in negotiating with the Ontario government. Hanly, a philosophy professor at the University of Toronto, said the pay boost "would have no effect on student fees." OCUFA will not actively solicit student support in getting the hike, he added. Faculty, supported by students, nearly went out on a one-day strike at York in February to press for an 18 per cent pay hike. Three days before the planned walkout York's board of governors agreed to a compromised 10 per cent guaranteed pay increase for continuing faculty.

Council claims admin persecution

OTTAWA — The student council at the University of Ottawa has charged that the university's administration is actively working to undermine the campus student union, even though the administration still claims to support it. In a statement issued Oct. 3, the student council executive said the administration "is actually seeking in sometimes more than a covert way to undermine and weaken" student government on campus, by actively encouraging students to withdraw from the union. A clause in the union constitution permits individual students to opt out of the union by presenting an affidavit declaring their wish to do so, and student councillors say administrators have gone so far as to prepare withdrawal forms and arrange for a notary public in the faculty of education to expedite "well over 300 withdrawals" from the union. The U of O administration also refused to make the payment of union fees a prerequisite for university registration, the standard method if fee collection for most student unions. Forms were provided at registration as a waiver for those who refused to pay student union fees. "The basic occasion for a university administration to demonstrate its endorsement of student government, namely the collection of its fees, was used as an opportunity to facilitate an attempt to break down union solidarity," the council said. Administrative subversion, it said, is due to the success of the union at receiving student support for moderate change at the university.

SFU pres appoints new PSA head

BURNABY — Simon Fraser University administration president Kenneth Strand announced business as usual officially began in the striking department of political science, sociology and anthropology Tuesday with the dissolution of an administration trusteeship over PSA and the restoration of power to the department's chairman. But according to Strand, the department now consists of only the five professors who did not join the strike by students and faculty which began Sept. 24, and which continues right under the administration president's windows. In a statement issued Friday Strand announced the impending appointment of one of the five, Robert Wyllie, as department head, and declared he would take over the duties of the trusteeship. The rationale for Strand's announcement stems from an administration ultimatum which set a deadline of Oct. 1 for PSA professors to return to their classes. When the deadline was ignored, Strand declared the nine striking faculty were suspended pending dismissal procedures.

U of A dept. condemns SFU admin

EDMONTON — The University of Alberta political science department publicly condemned the administration of Simon Fraser University Oct. 7 and voted to boycott SFU at both the faculty and student level until the administration lifts the suspensions and halts dismissal proceedings against the nine striking faculty in SFU's department of political science, sociology and anthropology. The Alberta political science department called on the Canadian Association of University Teachers to support the two-week-old PSA strike, and asked that the SFU administration enter into immediate negotiations with the department "for a resolution to the problem on the basis of the continued operation of the PSA department as a democratic department working in the interest of the university community and the community as a whole." The U of A department also resolved to take further action "as necessary" — a move that might include a sympathy strike of Alberta students and faculty in support of the PSA.

Students start reform movement

MONTREAL — Nearly 100 Montreal high school students from 19 local schools have launched what they hope will be a movement for "constructive reform" of the educational system. As a first step, the students met Oct. 4 at a student-run symposium to discuss grievances with the current high school system. The group, which has disavowed violence as a means of change, will likely hold another symposium in November, attempt to create a city-wide newspaper for high school students, and eventually form a city-wide high school students union. "We have lost all faith that this type of change will ever come from the top," said one of the students. "We've learned that, above all, it must come from the bottom. And that means us."

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