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Three more senates bite the dust

OTTAWA

Three more university senates have been opened.

The schools are Calgary, Loyola and Queen's.

At Calgary, the motion passed without dissent. The action followed a report from an ad hoc committee composed of three faculty and one student member which recommended open meetings after a month of closed discussions. The committee was formed after 40 students staged a sit-in at a General Faculty Council meeting in September. There are three student representatives on the 50 member body.

The Queen's senate will be opened to 35 students, 10 faculty members and five press representatives. The students and faculty will have speaking rights and will be able to bring legislation to the senate but only by adhering to a set series of deadlines of notification.

There are now four students sitting on the 50-member senate.

The Loyola senate will be opened on a trial basis until spring and then a final evaluation will be made of the desirability of openness.

Bergma ousts inane Iler

WATERLOO

John Bergsma, a self-styled "responsible" candidate, defeated Brian Iler in a race for the student presidency at University of Waterloo.

Iler resigned on Oct. 31 after a general meeting of students voted no confidence in his policies.

Bergsma beat Iler 2741-1835 in a record turnout of 54.2 per cent of the student body.

Waterloo students didn't give Bergsma a clear mandate though. Of 21 seats on the student council, his supporters picked up only eight. Iler's supporters grabbed seven seats with the remainder going to independent candidates.

Iler himself will sit on the council as past-president. He hopes to be a "constructive critic." The council elections were forced by mass resignations by councillors following the same October non-confidence vote.

Councillors crash closed senate

MONTREAL

Sir George Williams University students crashed a closed meeting of the university senate Nov. 20 and when the confusion ended two hours later, they had succeeded in permanently opening the body.

About 25 students, mostly student councillors, attended the senate session after passing a motion Wednesday night to do so. When they entered the chamber, they were welcomed as observers by administration vice-principal D. B. Clarke.

Further discussion on the feasibility of permanently opening the sessions led to a resolution calling for all future meetings to be opened without restriction to the university community. It passed 20-2.

Sir George is the third Montreal university to open its senate sessions. Loyola opted for that course Thursday, McGill's has been open for two months.

Rye fears Gestapo tactics

TORONTO

The first students on a Canadian university board of governors are in trouble at Ryerson.

The two, Gordon Jackson and Richard Finlay, met trouble when they requested that all university files be opened to them in order that they might perform their duties more efficiently.

Students fear the two are trying to get access to personal record files of prominent student leaders in order to use the information against them.

UNB: cops clear nailed nasties

FREDERICTON

The administration at the University of New Brunswick has bowed to student pressure and asked magistrate's court to drop charges laid against seven students arrested in Liberation 130 two weeks ago.

The seven, two of whom are UNB students, were charged with public mischief and property damage. They were nailed in a Nov. 10 police bust ordered by the school's board of deans.

The administration's plea came from UNB lawyer W. L. Hoyt at magistrate's court Wednesday. Judge Lloyd Smith reserved decision on the plea. The seven have been remanded for trial to Dec. 10.

Dr. Norman Strax, the physics professor whose September suspension kicked off the seven-week occupation at UNB, is serving a 30 day sentence for breaking an injunction barring him from the UNB campus.

McFarland: no modes change

by Frank Holt

"It is not within my power to change either the structure or the content of the Modes course this year," said Professor Macfarland, director of the Modes 171 course at a meeting called with student representatives last Wednesday.

Before the meeting started, both Macfarland and Professor Jack, a lecturer, appeared upset over what would happen, but as the meeting progressed, they lost all cause for worry.

At the start, one student grabbed the chairmanship, and proceeded to run things his way, allowing only those who agreed with his opinions to ramble on.

He refused to let the meeting proceed smoothly, and permitted invective and innuendo to replace debate and discussion.

The proposal for course reform was discussed among the students and was offered to Macfarland, but he stated that he could not approve it because it relied too much on the graduate teaching assistants who were not qualified to teach on an unsupervised basis.

It appeared the students would accept nothing less than a drastic course revision by Christmas. Appeals that the course content and structure does not rest entirely in the hands of its directors were dismissed outright by the students.

There were functional problems in the meeting, as only 30 of the 87 elected reps were present.

Macfarlane suggested to the students that they organize something concrete and practical, and then submit this to him.

He then said that he would attend no future meetings, and would leave the students to fend for themselves.

As the students made it more and more obvious that they would tolerate nothing less than open revolt, the two professors lost their frowns, and were smiling by the end of the meeting.



Photo by Alan Lamb.

Long-range forecast: Heavy snow continues in Winters College, a large mass of hot air has settled over McLaughlin, and continued showers are reported in the A to CB section of the Library.

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