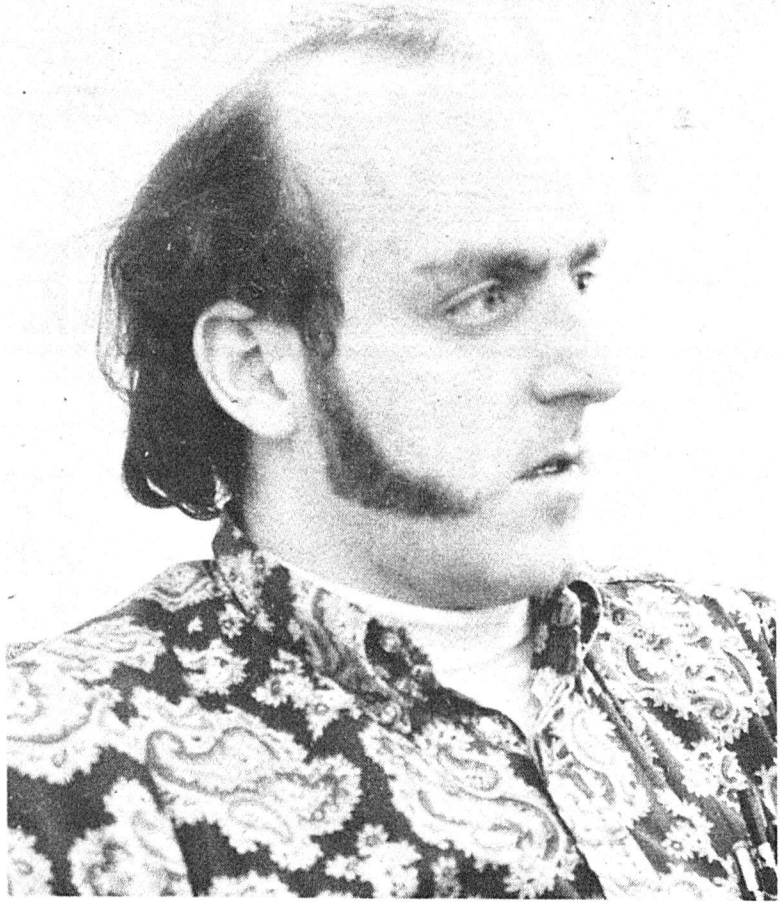


WHERE ARE YOU GOING,



Paul McGaffey, Professor of Psychology

We need more involvement of all the people in the decision making process. We must be able to make decisions, and to accept the consequences of them. Maybe we're going to be wrong, but it's going to be fun I hope. I want my students to be excited about this risky game of taking control of their own lives. Classes will be far more interesting.

I assume that decisions should be made on the basis of the best information we have right now, and let's go ahead and make mistakes, assuming we will make mistakes, because we are doing it on the basis of inadequate information or great ignorance....

You have to look to see what has happened, and the six months after you have made the decision, collected new information, you have to be willing to say that it's great or that you need to change this or that. And so you can't assume, I think, that everybody should be well informed when they make decisions....

I feel that students can be excited to make contributions when they want to work hard enough to come up to the professional standards. I've seen it in terms of some of my own students....

I wish very passionately that I had been given the same opportunity to make such grandiose mistakes when I was an undergraduate....

I'd like to make the main requirement for honours psychology, for instance, the publication of a bit of work in psychology....

I'm willing to let students strongly take the direction of their lives here at College and I think the assumption is the opposite on many parts of the staff who don't want to see such irresponsible decisions being made.



Frank MacMahon, Dean of the Faculty

As to Paul's action, I just understand it. At the Wednesday meeting, we seemed to be working precisely to ways and means where they (the students and staff) could have that better voice in the decision making process. I just don't understand it. I just don't see the logic of his gesture.

One has to make decisions responsibly. If you say you can make mistakes, granted, any human being is going to make mistakes. But one has to be as careful as possible, and that always depends on the gravity of the decision your making. If your dropping an atomic bomb you have to be pretty careful you don't amke a mistake as to where you are going to drop it. If it's for testing purposes and you make a mistake and drop it over New York City, that's a pretty serious mistake.

I think that it's nonsense to go around saying that you have to have change or action, without recognizing whether it's good change or action, whether it's destructive or whether it's constructive, or creative. We can use the power that we have to destroy people as weel as to build....

The fact that it's taking long (making decisions) must take into account the fact that this is our first year as a part of the university of Alberta. We have put our energies in the past in terms of setting up a relationship with them. Now what we want to do is to set up mechanisms and structures so that decisions can be made, be made well and as quickly as possible.

Exactly as we do that, as the faculty gets organized to set up mechanisms and structures, Paul decides to boycott. I don't understand. I don't see the logic in his action. It makes no sense to me.

Psych Prof Boycotts Administration...

Paul McGaffey, professor of psychology at College Universitaire Saint Jean, is boycotting the administration while continuing to give his courses.

McGaffey is boycotting because he feels the faculty do not have a voice in the decisions affecting them. The administration counters this claim by saying that McGaffey, although not a member of the Academic Council, has never been refused permission to speak to that body, and that his views have been taken into account. As a matter of fact, they state that at the Wednesday meeting (Jan. 26), just before McGaffey

announced his boycott, they and the faculty were working towards instituting a greater voice for faculty and students in the decision making process.

The Academic Council is equivalent to the faculty council at the U of A. The administration, faculty and students are represented on the Academic Council.

McGaffey makes a distinction between boycotting his classes, which he says he is not doing, and boycotting the College Saint Jean building and administration. He is continuing to give his classes in the residence building. He does not view what he has done as being



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disruptive. His students only have to walk 200 yards and all the buildings are interconnected. He is keeping his commitment to his students and wants them to keep attending classes. He thinks that what he has done is very mild. He hopes his action will force people to do some re-thinking.

At a meeting last Monday (Jan. 31), the students of his Psychology 202 and 490 classes passed a resolution stating that their continued attendance is not to be interpreted by the administration as a commitment for or against his action. By attending his classes, they are not necessarily supporting him

in his boycott of the administration.

Although this is McGaffey's third year in a teaching capacity at College Saint Jean, the administration makes the point that McGaffey is only a visiting professor this year. During the first two years, he was only a lecturer. This year he was given a post as a visiting professor because of all the changes and consequent disruptions of the College's amalgamation to the university of Alberta.

Visiting professors do not normally have to do the extra work, such as research, other professors would have to do. The College administration says