

Unsatisfactory work may lead to Prof's dismissal

LONDON (CUP) - For the first time in Canada, a university committee is hearing evidence which might result in the legal dismissal of a tenured faculty member.

Psychology professor Larry Chamberlain of the University of Western Ontario is facing dismissal hearings because the administration has charged that his work is unsatisfactory.

The hearings came about after Chamberlain repeatedly rejected administration and psychology

department requests that he resign.

Chamberlain joined the university in 1966 and was granted tenure in 1970. But since that time, charges University President D. Carlton Williams, Chamberlain's work has declined markedly.

Psychology Department Chairman Dr. W. J. McClelland told the tenure hearing that Chamberlain had had every opportunity to appeal the allegations prior to the hearing.

Chamberlain made no attempt to appeal the low merit ratings he

received from the Salary, Promotion and Tenure committee, and did not make any attempt to update his curriculum vitae, said McClelland.

And other witnesses testified they had seen no evidence of any on-going research.

"If there had been any change in behavior I would have been the first to change my mind," said McClelland, but "at the undergraduate level his teaching evaluations which were poor, got worse."

McClelland said he received written complaints from a number of students which charged Chamberlain of "insensitivity", being late for classes or not showing up at all. In one case 51 students signed a petition because Chamberlain scheduled a test one week before the final exams last April and didn't turn up to administer the test.

"When I asked him to explain his behavior," said McClelland, "he described himself as incredibly dumb and said he had scheduled a smaller room and had forgotten to tell his students."

Checking into it further, McClelland said he checked with room reservations and found that the smaller room had not been reserved.

Chamberlain told the hearing that he was not concerned with promotions and tenure and not

much concerned with what the committee thought of him.

When asked why he had only published two works, Chamberlain told the committee he had started rough work on a book with a colleague. He didn't tell the psychology department because, "I couldn't think of the appropriate category" this material would fit in.

In reference to the requests for his resignation, Chamberlain said, "It was a very intimidating experience for me. They were coming at me from all directions ...taking turns pointing at me and

saying how I was deficient in certain areas."

The administration did not like the emphasis he placed on theoretical research rather than experimental research.

"I benefit and certainly my classes and graduate students benefit and the guys on the street who want a dime for coffee."

The psychology professor, who is still teaching at the university, once stepped in as acting assistant chairman of the department, but he said he didn't like administering a lot of tests.

Assault charges laid

HAMILTON (CUP) - James Noonan and Kevin Whaley, 22-year-old students at the University of Guelph, were found guilty Wednesday on one charge each of assaulting McMaster security officers.

They were remanded to October 24 for sentencing and a date for the start of the trial for the two officers on assault charges filed by the students will now be set for some time after that date.

The charges resulted from an incident in a McMaster parking lot August 10. The students were charged with two counts each of

assaulting and obstructing police and one count each of possession of liquor in other than a place of residence.

The students in turn charged McMaster security officers Gary Arnold and George Histed with assault. The officers have been relegated to clerical duties only pending the outcome of the case.

Earlier the two students had pleaded guilty to the liquor charge. The charges of obstructing police officers were dropped by the Crown.

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