

CANADA CAMPUS REPORT

MCGILL B OF G TO REVIEW SRC FINANCES

MONTREAL (CUP) — Student leaders Feb. 26 warned McGill's board of governors against tampering with the Students' Society's financial structure. The board announced Monday the formation of a committee to review the way the Student Society collects and distributes its funds.

At a Monday night meeting student council strongly opposed the formation of such a committee, and asked the board to drop the whole idea.

Said Students' Society president Peter Smith: "There is an implication of bad faith in this suggestion of a review of the collection agreement. This committee threatens the very existence of the Students' Society."

McGill students now pay a compulsory \$24 society fee at registration, which the university then hands over to student government, according to a long-standing agreement between the society and the university.

According to internal vice-president Danny Trewick, principal H. Locke Robertson had said at a private meeting two weeks ago: "Some of your (Student Society) activities are valuable but we will have to look into the problem of differential distribution."

Trewick interpreted this statement and others to indicate the administration intends to destroy the McGill Daily in one way or another even if it means destroying the Student's Society as well.

Trewick accused the administration of intruding on purely student concerns.

"The term confrontation politics has been blabbered around by the administration to refer to actions of some of the students," he said. "But this move is the most blatant example of confrontation politics I've ever seen."

DAILY editor Peter Allnutt agreed the move was designed to get at the DAILY, which has been a thorn in the administration's side for several years now.

Allnutt claimed the chief cause of the action was an article published Feb. 9, dealing with the association of members of the Board of Governors with firms producing raw material for use by American forces in Viet Nam and other war zones.

Intellectuals Gather

Intellect in Halifax? A resounding yes! The Halifax branch of Mensa Canada is in the process of establishing itself. Mensa is an international intellectual organization with chapters in Spain, England, the U.S., Germany, France, and several other countries, including, of course, Canada. The only prerequisite for membership is intelligence; this is defined as possessing an I.Q. of 148 or above on the Cattell scale, or the equivalent if a different test is taken.

What does Mensa do? Anything. Its primary purpose is to gather intelligent people together. From then on, it's up to the members to decide what they want to do and how they want to do it. This independence and individual initiative is Mensa's strength. No activities are imposed on the individual member - in fact, it's up to him to find out what he wants the organization to do. It's a sort of an elitist participatory democracy.

Mensa-Halifax is less than a month and a half old, but it is rapidly becoming a concrete reality. It numbers about fifteen members, subject to change without notice. Its first social event, a B.Y.O.B. party for members and their guests will take place March 11 in the Park Victoria. The success of Mensa-Halifax depends largely upon the size and variety of its membership. There are from 50 to 100 people in Dalhousie who can qualify for membership (this is merely a rough estimate). If anyone is interested in joining Mensa, or finding out more details about testing, they can phone Bill Cassie, at 423-5944. Join. You are growing very sleepy, your eyes are heavy, you are sound asleep, join.

The administration's reaction to council and Daily charges was not available.

A tri-partite commission of students, professors

LOYOLA MAY HAVE TO CLOSE

MONTREAL (CUP) -- Loyola College is \$7.5 million in debt and may shut its doors next September. Student council president Graham Nevin plans to ask students to withhold fees for the coming year until the Quebec government bails the university out.

Quebec has not yet recognized the 3,100-student institution as a university. It gets operational grants as a classical college at a rate of \$550 per student. Universities receive grants based on \$1,500 per student.

The administration has been asking for a university charter for ten years, with no luck. The government has promised to review Loyola's case this month prior to release of the provincial budget. But the government is in a dilemma. If it recognizes Loyola as a university that makes three English universities -- Loyola, McGill and Sir George Williams -- in Montreal to one French one. On the other hand, if they don't increase Loyola's capital and operating grants, it will fold up and its buildings will be sold to pay off debts.

Nevin hopes to dramatize the plight of Loyola in order to force the government to act.

"If the government doesn't come forward with more money," he said, "We will just have to shut the buildings next fall so that public sympathy will build up for our cause."

"We are, in fact, a university, but the government is giving us peanuts," he said.

Loyola's claim to university status is debatable in the Quebec context. With the new two-year colleges between the secondary and university levels, Loyola is considered by some to be a beefed-up college, similar to several of the province's classical colleges. It does not yet offer graduate degrees, and its engineering schools offers only the first

three years. Yet its degrees are recognized through English North America.

Loyolans receive their degrees through the Université de Montreal as do a score of classical colleges.

Their fees are also inflated -- \$590, second to only to McGill, which, at \$630 has the highest fees in Canada.

Student leaders called a meeting for Tuesday (Mar. 5) to discuss the whole question.

SFU STUDENTS GET PROMISE OF B. OF G. OPENESS STUDY

BURNABY, B.C. (CUP) Mar. 1 -- A crowd of 150 Simon Fraser University students confronted their board of governors Friday night (March 1) in an attempt to force open its meetings, and came out with a compromise.

The ten-man board listened for 90 minutes as a student delegation asked for open meetings. The rest of the students, many of them members of the Students for a Democratic University, milled around in the corridors outside the board room.

After a three-hour in camera discussion following the delegation's appearance the board announced a three-man committee would meet with the new student council executive to discuss open board meetings.

The decision was greeted with disapproval by most of the assembled students, who had planned to hold a general meeting March 6 to discuss the issue.

Students viewed the board's move as a delaying tactic, since council elections won't be held for another six weeks. The former student council resigned after an impeachment vote taken among 1339 students at a general student meeting Feb. 29.

The board's committee will be local racing executive Jack Diamond, justice Angelo Branca and Richard Lester, all board members.

The delegation of students included student senators Simon Foulds and Stan Wong, who is also acting student president, teaching assistant Martin Loney, who was the center of another faculty-board of governors dispute last spring, SDU member John Cleveland and student councillor-at-large Bill Engleson who originally proposed the mill-in.

The board also allowed eight observers to sit in on the meeting. Students were generally orderly and even cheered board members as they arrived for the meeting.

The impeachment of student council came after charges of council opposition to the board of governors mill-in, and a \$5,000 deficit in the budget.

Student council president Arthur Weeks resigned two weeks ago, claiming the council was not close enough to the students.

STUDENTS WIN - PROFS REHIRED, BOARD SET UP

TORONTO (CUP) -- Mar. 1 -- Striking students at the Ontario College of Art have forced the administration to come to terms.

The college has rehired two instructors who were fired last week for supporting student grievances; a student-faculty-administration board has been promised to study curriculum changes; a study will be made of the college's governing structures.

These measures were announced in the Ontario legislature Friday (Mar. 1) by education minister William Davis, ending two weeks of strife and eight days of class boycotts at the college.

Davis earlier in the week refused to intervene in the ruckus, claiming this would be an infringement on the college's autonomy. But he agreed to speak to the students Friday after 1,100 students paraded to the legislature demanding he take action.

Students made three demands: that two instructors be reinstated; students be given a voice in hiring and firing; and that they be allowed to participate in curriculum changes and planning.

All but the voice in hiring and firing has been granted, and it may come out of the study of the college's structure promised in the minister's statement.

Said Canadian Union of Students associate secretary Colin Leonard: "It's a clear victory for student power."

Council talks Evaluation

SHARON COOK

The new Student Council for 1968 - 1969 held its first meeting February 28th. Due to illness of the incoming President, Randall Smith, the chair was taken over by Vice-President, Jim Barlow.

Plans for this year's Course Evaluation were discussed with the chairman of the committee, Bob Daley. Daley felt the major reason for failure of last year's committee was the breakdown in communications with the Administration, and the underestimated task of completing the vast project. This resulted in mistrust and resentment on the part of many Senate members, in allowing the students another chance. To avoid a second mistake, and to alleviate some Faculty apprehensions, a new approach has been undertaken this year.

Much time has been spent researching the programs, and the results of efforts of other universities in this endeavour. Much more consultation with Dal professors, Heads of Departments, and Deans has been carried out. This has resulted in a completely revised format covering student-professor-course relationships more fully.

Daley stressed the importance of such information to the university program. "It enables the administration to discover areas of discontent or inadequacies and to alleviate these problems, and therefore increase the communication between students and staff." After Daley's report, the Council listed priorities for their year of office. These include: a select committee to examine Student Union reorganization, an examination of University Community Planning participation, a resolution respecting the appointment of a Student Union information officer, a resolution respecting Course Evaluation Committee, an investigation of Residences.

and administrative officials who are studying the nature of the university asked the board on February 20 to halt its proposed review.

A statement issued Tuesday, approved unanimously by the commission, said: "It is the intention of the tri-partite commission to report on the financial relations between the university and the Students' Society as a natural part of its work."

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