

STUDENT CIRCLES AGOG OVER HAZING

Ernest Crown Subjected to
Indignities in Connection
With Banned Paper

OFFICIALS IN IGNORANCE

Circumstances Show Wrath-
ful Students Took Matter
Into Own Hands—Police
Not Acting

Student circles at McGill University were stirred yesterday by the story of how one of their number, Ernest Crown, had been "hazed" by three others whom he believes to have been undergraduates. Lured into an appointment by a telephone call, he was met outside his home by a car containing three men, "captured" and taken up behind the Molson stadium where he was blindfolded, tied, tried, his hair shaved and his head anointed with red ink.

According to Crown, his captors stated that he was being thus treated because of "The Black Sheep," a student publication that has been banned by university authorities. Crown, according to the McGill Daily, says that although he had some connection with the organization of this paper, he is not now associated with it. Those who "hazed" him apparently were under the impression that he was.

On Tuesday the McGill Daily commented editorially on this magazine:

"Two issues of the magazine under the title, the Black Sheep, have made their appearance and have given ample grounds for an opinion as to its merit. The sponsors claimed it was to be literary; the editors have evidently been laboring under a delusion as to the meaning of the word literary. Perhaps they have thought that the term included a descent into pornography, ridicule, blasphemy and personalities.

"In its role as a critical journal, it has carried statements that are unfair, unjust and untrue. Its criticisms have probed to the lowest depths, the last resort of every critic—personalities. Such mud-slinging is expected from the lowest type of yellow journalism and is not to be expected from any journal connected with university students or graduates.

"Criticism such as contained in the Black Sheep has no place on any campus. It goes beyond the bounds of good sense and common decency to descend into the mire of filth and mockery."

The Crown incident took place on the evening after this editorial appeared.

OFFICIALS UNAWARE.

Yesterday university officials said that they knew nothing about the matter. Gerald Halpenny, president of the Students' Council, whose name, Crown says, was used over the telephone, stated that he had nothing to do with the affair.

This is the second occasion this college year that Crown's name has been "in the news" in and outside the university. The first was when, as news editor of the McGill Daily, he was involved in the "row" connected with that journal before Christmas, when the editors were suspended, exonerated, and then resigned of their own accord.

Shortly thereafter the announcement was made that a magazine called "The Black Sheep" was to be issued. At least some of the resigned Daily editors were concerned. Several of the original "Black Sheep" editors dissociated themselves publicly from the magazine after its first issue had made its appearance and had been banned by university authorities. A second issue, however, appeared, with no names attached and then followed the Daily editorial.

Assistant Inspector Brodeur stated last night that nothing of the affair had been heard at detective headquarters.