

## Removed from his doctoral program after talking politics

# Student calls 'dirty deal'

KINGSTON (CUP) — Charges of political blackmail and police interference in academic affairs have been raised at Queen's University in the case of a chemical engineering student who was reportedly ordered to make a choice between his political activity and his university program.

The Queen's Academic Senate Wednesday agreed to investigate the case of Charles Edwards, a Ph.D. candidate in chemical engineering, who was told by his academic supervisor that politics and chemical engineering did not mix at Queen's.

Edwards, a member of Kingston's Free Socialist Movement, a student group, had chaired a seminar on graduate student employment in Canada, and charged that American control of Canadian industry was a major factor in post-graduate unemployment.

In a regular meeting with doctoral supervisor Henry Becker last month, Edwards was given a virtual ultimatum: cease political activity or leave the department.

Becker also told Edwards that officials in the Queen's administration "did not like him" and would be glad to see him go.

Becker later said Edwards had

been "neglecting his work very badly," and was backed up by department chairman R. H. Clarke. But Clarke later told Edwards his work was "fine," and added he would be sorry to see the student leave the university.

Clarke told a reporter from the Kingston Community Newspaper, This Paper Belongs to the People, that a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police visited the department early in November making inquiries about the loyalty of another engineering student.

The RCMP officer also made inquiries about Edwards, and asked Clarke to give the RCMP information about the student "at a later date."

Clarke agreed and told the officer "I am willing to talk to you about anyone."

Wednesday, the Queen's Senate agreed to create a five-man committee representing Edwards, the chemical engineering department, administration principal J. J. Deutsch, and the Queen's student council.

The committee was ordered to report on the case before the senate's next meeting, in January.

In a press release Wednesday, Deutsch said it would be improper

for him to comment on the case before it had been dealt with by the "proper authority," but added "there

is no policy at Queen's University that could lead to a student being dismissed for political reasons."

## Queen's principal acts fast

*In a telegram sent from Kingston to The Gateway yesterday, Queen's University principal Dr. John J. Deutsch gave his view of the proceedings involving former doctoral student Charles Edwards. He informed us he had called an emergency meeting of the university Senate to consider student body allegations that Edwards had been forced out of his studies because of the direction of his political involvement. His full text follows.*

As a result of a discussion which I have had this morning with Alma Mater Society president, Ross McGregor, I have called a special meeting of the University Senate for 4:30 p.m. today, to consider an AMS request for a special committee to investigate the allegation that Charles Edwards has been "pressured out of his doctoral program" because of political activities.

This allegation is made by Tom Good and Glenn MacDonell, two AMS executive members, in a letter which was sent widely to university student councils and to newspapers and radio and television stations. Mr. McGregor informs me that the

letter does not represent an official statement of the AMS, and that it was sent out without the society's knowledge and approval.

The AMS president also told me that the executive has called for a special committee to look into the allegations arising out of this matter. I welcome this responsible suggestion by the AMS, and accordingly have called a meeting of senate, which has ultimate responsibility for student well-being.

While it would be improper for me to comment on the allegations themselves before they are dealt with by the proper authority, I would like to state one general principle. And that is that there is no policy at Queen's University that could lead to a student being dismissed for political reasons.

Indeed, I am sure that the whole academic community would support me in saying that the right to hold and advance political beliefs, of whatever kind, is an essential element of academic freedom.

## U of Windsor building program hopes smashed—at least 7 years of bad luck

WINDSOR (CUP)—Ontario Government "formula financing" will force drastic cut-backs in the University of Windsor building program for at least the next seven years, Dr. Cameron MacInnis said here Thursday.

The long-term grants were to have financed building on the campus over the next seven to ten years. Now all expansion except a library addition and two classroom-office buildings will be delayed and sources indicate the campus will be lucky to get one-fifth the development funds previously expected.

The cut-backs result from a "formula financing" plan effected for all Ontario universities by the Provincial Department of University Affairs. Under the plan, universities are categorized as either "emergent" or "emerged."

Emerging universities receive "development monies" over and above those granted through formula financing. Defined as an emerged university, Windsor will not receive these development funds MacInnis said.

"The picture looks black," he said. "It is unfortunate that the University of Windsor is the smallest in the emerged category." As a result, it will probably be the hardest hit.

The amount of money received in the form of grants from the provincial government, MacInnis explained, is directly related to the

university's enrollment figures. A standard of 100 square feet per student is set, and a university receives additional grants if the floor space in campus buildings falls below that figure.

"The only way to get more money," he said, "is to increase the student population." This would be done at the expense of overcrowding.

As other sources of revenue, MacInnis suggested the university look to private contributions and the additional enrolment added by two summer extension programs.

Proposed buildings delayed far beyond expected completion dates include: the physical education complex, the music, geology, geography, Asian studies and fine arts buildings, phase three expansion of Essex Hall, and the proposed extension of the University Centre. Other planned buildings, such as the school of social work, the school of graduate studies and research, and the proposed biology building, will probably be affected also.

"This will place special emphasis on the student union building project," said student president Bob Baski. "It will provide amenities for the student union otherwise unavailable to them."

"It's unfortunate, he added, that Ontario has not seen it in her powers to make a total commitment to university building programs."



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**HE CAME TO SUB** Wednesday night and His prophet was Ray Johnson. It was an old-time revival for about 75 participants. About four persons accepted Him as their saviour.