



LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE
... drives the Nazis up the wall

Students want Law and Order Committee axed

Representatives attacked at SUB forum

By ELLEN NYGAARD

The Ad Hoc Committee on Law and Order wanted feedback from students, and they got it.

Students attending a forum on Law and Order Thursday noon in SUB Theatre overwhelmingly backed an informal resolution that the committee abolish itself.

Six members of the GFC-appointed committee were present at the forum: Dr. G. V. La Forest, dean of law; Provost A. A. Ryan; F. L. Weichmann, professor of physics; S. G. Robbins, professor of physical education; and student representatives Frank MacInnis and Robert White.

The forum consisted almost entirely of questions and comments from members of the audience, some posing direct queries to members of the committee.

Student reps held responsible

The two student representatives were considered by the audience to be especially answerable for the committee's recommendations and questions were directed to them in an attempt to have them define their terms of membership on that body.

Mr. MacInnis, law rep on students' council, stated that his mandate as an elected representative forced him to abide by the wishes of the electorate.

Mr. White, the other student representative on the committee, said that if he could not in conscience represent student opinion, he would resign.

He said he felt no obligation to represent the student body as such.

The general feeling of the audience seemed to be that the recommendations of the committee discriminated against the student by placing him in a category separate from the rest of society and subject to separate rules.

An accusation that the committee was attempting to impose fascist regulations on students was underlined dramatically by the opening of the stage curtains to reveal a black swastika suspended over the heads of the panelists.

"The assumption that this committee is trying to impose a fascist autocracy is not only incorrect, but untrue," protested Mr. White.

Point-by-point objections

After accusing self-appointed chairman of the meeting Ron McDonald of wielding his non-existent gavel against free expression of personal opinion, third-year law student Kenneth Swan presented a cogent point-by-point series of objections to the proposals published by the committee in Folio.

He noted that students would be placed in a position where they would be compelled to face a

disciplinary body without the protection offered in civil courts. He said that exclusion of witnesses from the general community who might be able to testify in defence of the accused would weight content of evidence against the accused.

Furthermore, he said, there would be no protection of witnesses or the accused from presenting evidence which could be used against them, as under the Canada Evidence Act.

Mr. Swan also objected to the nebulous classifications of "offences" to be dealt with by the body, such as "parking, canvassing, and causing disturbances." These, he said, could be covered in a public court.

He also contended that public hearings should be allowed since "the whole point of having public hearings is to protect the accused and witnesses." This principle is further negated by the suggestion that the clerk keep court records in confidence until such time as the GFC ordered their destruction, he added.

One member of the audience who said he had been "kicked out of psychology" in 1965 said that as well as the category of "student accused" there should be added "professor accused."

One girl wanted to know whether the committee would be "willing to talk to me" and wondered what the student reps were doing on the committee.

Mr. White replied that "our motivation for being on the committee and supporting the recommendations as we understand them is that when there is dissent and the university wants to take action, the dissenters will be heard by a body with at least some student members."

Regulations deny equality for students

A member of the Student Christian Movement read portions of their position paper printed earlier this year in Caserole.

"The idea that a mass of regulations should be placed on students is to deny that all are equal in the eyes of the law" he said. He said that students should be subject to the same laws as the rest of society.

Provost Ryan pointed out that the regulations already exist as published in the calendar, and are now enforced by the Deans' Council. The council wants to be relieved of this duty, he said.

The SCM member questioned whether the philosophy behind the imposition of such regulations had been considered. Professor Ryan replied with a rather hesitant yes, explaining that backgrounds and precedents in university regulations had been studied.

Abolish the board

The most serious reservations students had about the workings of the committee seemed to be that (1) the recommendations of the committee would be implemented behind the backs of the students and (2) once implemented, biased judgments would be made on the basis of "preponderance of evidence" rather than evidence "beyond a reasonable doubt."

Finally, a student appealed to those present to support abolishing the board "as a matter of survival."

"I'd rather trust the laws of the land because they are liable to be less effectual because they're more remote," she said.

The forum closed with a general exodus supporting the abolishment of the committee. A further "struggle session" will convene Monday at 4 p.m. in the SUB Meditation Room.

Harvey leads off list of candidates in SU election

The list of presidential candidates is a lot shorter this year since the SDU went underground. When nominations closed Thursday at 5 p.m., there were only five candidates on the list for president. This hardly compares with the whopping 19 of last year.

Pending confirmation, the list is headed off by a long-time student and notorious snake-in-the-grass, Harvey G. (for get out there and vote) Thomgirt. Other candidates are Mark Priegert, Dennis Fitzgerald, Don McKenzie, and Tim Christian.

The position receiving the greatest response was that of vice-president, external, which is being contested by five budding politicians: George Kushminder, Brian McLoughlin, Brian MacDonald, Robert Bisson and James MacGregor.

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SUB expansion interference mounted by councillors

By Dan Jamieson

Professional schools may have thrown a \$125,000 block onto the students' council chamber floor right in the path of SUB expansion.

Councillors have not managed to block SUB expansion, but they have certainly managed to throw the project into confusion.

At its meeting Monday night several councillors voted in favor of expanding the building, but stood against fee increases on the grounds that the government should pay for the new building.

They did not manage to block the constitutional change raising undergraduate fees, but, coupled with the members from professional faculties and schools, they managed to block the fee increase in that area. This leaves the project approximately \$125,000 short of its original estimated income.

The professional schools claimed that, because they were on the campus longer than most undergrads, they would be paying more for a building which they used less than the average student.

Delays in establishing where the money will be coming from will mean delays in ap-

plying for a loan and calling for tenders which could put the building behind schedule as much as a year, according to Laura Scott, head of the SUB expansion committee.

Miss Scott said Thursday the money would have to be made up from higher undergraduate fees, or the proposed building would have to be cut down.

She accused councillors of being "petty and irresponsible" in their refusal to act in accordance with the referendum held recently.

"The SUB expansion referendum passed on campus by approximately 85 per cent of 5,500 electorate. This is a broader section of approval from campus than any councillor or executive mandate," she pointed out.

Frank MacInnis, law rep, said he would put forward a proposal to council to increase professional fees by \$2.

"According to figures that I have received, the expansion will only require \$2.50 per student," said Mr. MacInnis. "A cut in the increase of professional schools would not leave the project short."

"If the tenders come in

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