

Forty-eight day seige comes to abrupt end

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Liberation 130 was busted early Sunday and seven demonstrators were arrested.

Fredericton police charged the seven with public mischief. Bail was set at \$50 dollars per person. One of the demonstrators was bailed out Sunday morning. The others said they would be bailed out Monday.

They are to appear in magistrate's court in Fredericton Tuesday morning at 10.

Registrar Dugald Blue said that he knocked on the door and shouted at the people inside, asking them to leave voluntarily. When there was no response, he stepped aside. Police broke the lock with a power saw and entered the room. The protestors went limp and were carried out to a police van waiting at the door

below Liberation's window. They were taken to Fredericton police station, booked and placed in cells.

Richard Archer, former teachers' college student, Carol Raid, former anthropology student, John Robinson, arts 2, Tom Murray, arts 3, Jane MacKendrick of TC, Mark Chantiny, of Toronto, a correspondent for liberation news service and Kent Dunlap of Toronto were charged with public mischief.

According to a press release issued from the jail by Chantiny, the six students remained in jail until Monday to protest the action.

He also accused police of dragging demonstrators out by the hair.

Administration Vice President Beverly MacCaulay said he was sure the decision to call in Fredericton police was made by the board of governors. He said he didn't know whether it was made at a regular or special board meeting.

He also said that the city police were laying the charges, not the university.

Last week the board of deans met to discuss the situation in Liberation 130 as well as the various attacks on it. The board recommended to the president that the situation should not be allowed to continue.

At the same time they circulated a letter which condemned the violence and the recent attacks on Liberation 130. The letter said that unless such behaviour was curbed, it might be necessary to cancel all faculty and society weeks.

Registrar Blue, who is also secretary to the board of deans, said the recommendations arose after the board was consulted by president Colin Mackay on the matter.

Blue said he was at Liberation 130 Sunday morning as a representative of the board of deans.

"They asked me to go and handle the matter peacefully if I could."

Dean of graduate studies Desmond Pacey said he was quite concerned about violence. He said he hoped there would be no more violent activity of any sort.

"We had hoped for non-violence but it wasn't likely that the protestors would leave voluntarily," he said.

"The whole situation's been given a lot of patience. There have been complaints to me from biology grads about the people in Liberation 130. I wrote the protestors a letter asking them to leave but they refused.

"The board of deans has also been worried about other academic interruptions. There have been reports of missing equipment in Bailey Hall and a water pipe leaking in 130," he said.

"I hope people act correctly now and await the court's decision on the matter."

Science dean Argue and arts dean MacNutt had no comment to make. Engineering dean

Dineen and president Mackay were not available for comment Sunday.

The university's legal counsel William Hoyt said he was not at liberty to make any statements.

The university had a locksmith and a carpenter on hand early Sunday morning to seal things up tight. The locksmith changed locks in Bailey Hall and repaired a lock to one of its outside doors that the demonstrators had used frequently.

The carpenter installed a perfectly-fitting plywood slab in the window of Liberation, thus preventing any entry that way. The slab is bolted to the window frame by five large bolts. University maintenance men got the exact measurements of the window last week.

The protestors let a maintenance man into the room when he said he only wanted measurements so he could board the window for the protestors. The windows and the frame had been smashed during student attacks on Liberation two weeks ago.

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