

"We were more than fair," according to Bourouai

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he thought I had to be banned because he had felt he had to protect students from this type of behavior."

Bourouai denies ever having made such a statement. "What behavior? I definitely did not say that. What I did say was that I had to protect the rights of all the students," said Bourouai.

According to Mackenzie, she recognized only two of the names of the letter writers and knew only one of them personally.

"The letters were very sexist," said McKnight, "and there were hints of racism in some of them." Both Mackenzie and McKnight made reference to a letter which said that the fourth floor residents "didn't like to look at her face," and that "every time they see her they have to run and shut their doors because they find her face so aggravating."

Feeling that she had been dealt with unjustly, and that her reputation had been badly damaged, Mackenzie contacted the Human Rights Commission and launched a \$150,000 defamation of character lawsuit against Stong College.

Mackenzie also filed a formal appeal against the decision of the disciplinary committee, and a meeting was set up between Mackenzie's lawyers, the lawyers of Stong College, Mackenzie, Bourouai, and University Provost Tom Meininger. At the meeting it was decided that the best thing for all concerned would be to overrule the decision of the disciplinary committee. Mack-

enzie was asked to withdraw her original request for the January 31st hearing, thus making all of the decisions of that committee null and void. It was agreed that all of the letters read at the meeting would be destroyed, and that a letter would be released to the resident students advising them that the ban had been lifted, and that it had not been caused by any improper behavior on her part. An informal agreement between Mackenzie and the Master of Stong College was reached. Mackenzie agreed to avoid all contact with Stong residence and also withdrew her lawsuit against the college.

"I don't know what she is haggling about," said Stong Master Hedi Bourouai when contacted about the matter. "Residence is over, finished, and our lawyers agreed, Miss Mackenzie agreed that the matter was closed. We hashed it over ad nauseum with the lawyers."

Bourouai also said that the matter of the letters from Stong residents was "an incidental issue," and that as far as he was concerned this was "a trespassing problem."

"You have to remember Miss Mackenzie was not a resident student," Bourouai remarked. "She was coming into residence without being signed in, and she was sleeping in the residence common rooms—and the residents did not want her there," says Bourouai. "That's all there is to it."

Bourouai also downplayed the effect of the alleged "defamatory let-

ters" on the decision of the disciplinary committee. "You have to remember that it was Miss Mackenzie who asked for the hearing, and the committee, in its wisdom, felt that since she was not paying residence dues, she should not be allowed in residence," Bourouai said.

On the content of the letters, Bourouai would only say that he did not feel that Mackenzie "was soliciting" as one of the letters suggested, but that these letters "were complaints, given to me in confidence about Miss Mackenzie's behavior by the residence students."

Bourouai also said that he did not feel that it was necessary to bring the students forward to defend their statements. "They were not brought forward because it was a general comment made by 44 students given to me in a confidential way," said Bourouai, adding "It is my responsibility to protect all the Stong students, not just the interests of Miss Mackenzie."

Bourouai said that the Administration "was trying to be nice" when they decided, in the meeting with Mackenzie's lawyers, to lift the ban officially. "It's one of those things, you're damned if you do, damned if you don't."

When asked whether or not he felt that Mackenzie was dealt with fairly, Bourouai said, "I think so, definitely. We were more than fair, in fact we bent over backward to help her."

No record of hearing to go on transcripts

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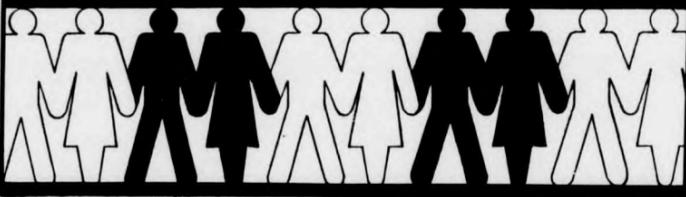
"No one said I was involved; the only reason my name came out was because I stayed after to talk to security," Christie added.

Because Meininger could not preside over the hearing, President Harry Arthurs asked Alan Shapiro, who is a lawyer, to be the hearing officer. Arthurs also asked Meininger to be the prosecutor, and this is

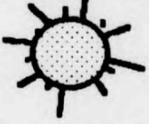
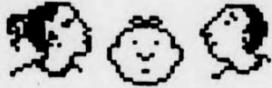
the first time in the history of a non-academic disciplinary hearing that there was one. Meininger asked Shapiro to withhold Christie's degree along with banning him from the campus in the interim, but only the ban was granted. No record of the hearing will go on Christie's transcripts.

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