

McLaughlin councilship of fools

by Dave Cooper

McLaughlin college council meeting Tuesday night was a three ring circus — all they lacked was the set from J.B. David Combs, president of MacLaughlin council, tried to read a report to council concerning the court committee to try the YSC executive (alias sign-nappers).

At this point John Bosley, speaker of YSC and Marshall Green an Executive member objected to this on the grounds that Combs would prejudice his position as a member of the court-committee on a sub-judice basis. Heated argument ensued.

Then Tim Delaney, member of the Mac council introduced a motion to close this and all further meetings to people not on the council, saying that he would resign if it didn't pass.

During the discussion of this motion Richard Smith tried to read a letter concerning closing of meetings which he had submitted to Excalibur (see letter page 6). He was ruled out of order because the chair didn't feel that it was pertinent to the motion.

Smith appealed the decision of the chair but for some reason it was upheld. At this point Smith left the committee room in disgust. He was not the last to leave in this state.

Delaney's motion was defeated next and he walked out. Combs also left, and the meeting was adjourned. The fun was only beginning however as people proceeded to argue in the hall, in the meeting room, and in various offices.

Delaney was called in to Dean Tatham's office to discuss his heated resignation. He emerged to issue a statement to the press which he seemed to feel was anxiously awaiting his golden words.

It began "At the request of Dean Tatham I have reconsidered my notice of resignation . . . I still however deplore the actions of the member of YSC Executive who was present at the meeting, and call upon him to apologize to the Mac Council."

Dean Tatham said that he felt that YSC had provoked the coun-

cil and that they should apologize. He also said that the YSC people present had acted "undemocratically" by repeatedly interrupting Combs during the meeting.

Tatham's position is that Combs had a perfect right to give the court committee report, also that any council has a right to hold closed meetings at certain times as long as they remain responsible to their constituents.

The McLaughlin council meet-

ing next week will be held in secret, and according to Richard Smith this meeting is to discuss the YSC referendum. Until such time as there is a referendum YSC cannot get the \$10 per student from McLaughlin students. In theory they could call it for April and thus effectively cut off YSC from any money for this year.

There are people on the council that completely oppose joining YSC.

Call for awards changes

by Frank Hold

More power should be given to local awards officers, a member of the U of T Students Administrative Council told a small crowd in Founders Common Room last Friday.

Martha Tracey, executive assistant to SAC set out the problems and possible solutions in the area of student awards as presently set out by the Ontario government.

The meeting, chaired by Doug Barrett of the University Affairs Committee of YSC was centred around the remarks of Miss Tracey and followed by a question period.

She read a brief outlining the present system of student awards and pointing out such problems as the many restrictions on the 'independence' classification and the fact that many award allotments were cut this year, some even being cut off entirely.

The short-range problem is one

of the present classification of the independent student. As things now stand, Miss Tracey explained, many students are now in fact independent because they are not supported by parents whereas this is not the classification stated by the government.

She suggested that it is hard to deal with this problem because of the number of students involved, but that some of the red tape could be passed by giving local awards officers more authority to deal with individual cases.

The long range problem mentioned was the lack of opportunities for capable people from poorer urban and rural areas to attend universities.

She stated that housing and school facilities must be improved so that the students with ability can be properly encouraged to attend post-secondary institutions.

After Miss Tracey's speech, Barrett opened the meeting to questions, and volunteered his own personal assistance to anybody having problems dealing with Dennis Carson, the awards officer here at York.

One question concerning students who scrape out more than they deserve from the student aid program was countered by Miss Tracey who said that by giving more power to the individual officers, this type of situation could be easily avoided.

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Student streetwalkers in Italy

ROME

Italy's students are taking to the streets to demand educational reform.

Close to 5,000 students jammed city streets while demonstrations were also called in Bologna, Ferrara and Milan.

The students in Rome were primarily high schoolers.

In Milan, students distributed handbills at the Catholic University during a mass celebrating the beginning of the school year Wednesday. The handbills attacked administration officials for muzzling criticism and warned students of "grandiloquent promises" from faculty members.

Cops also ousted a high school sit-in of 800 students protesting "the denial of our right to assemble".

Smoke bombs suffocate blacks

SWANQUARTER, NO

Police hurled smoke bombs into a county courthouse Nov. 11 and then closed the doors, trapping and almost suffocating 20 black high school students occupying the courthouse in a protest against the county welfare board.

Police only opened the doors after a 17-year-old girl jumped from a second-floor window and broke her pelvis.

The 20 protestors had dashed into the courthouse from the front ranks of a crowd of 300 persons. The crowd was protesting a welfare department threat to cut off payments unless a 3-month school boycott was called off. The boycott began in September when black students were bussed to all-white elementary schools. The parents of the black grade schoolers involved are demanding that white students be assigned to black schools.

Mexican gov't still trying

MEXICO CITY

The Mexican government is moving still closer to a rapprochement with striking students Nov. 14 when the mayor of Mexico City, Alfonso Corona Del Roasa, promised student representation on a police review commission.

He said the commission would study proposals for restructuring the police force and limiting its authority. The commission would be composed of teachers, government officials, students and businessmen.

This was one of the demands made by students in their four-month-old strike. On Wednesday, the government released 35 students jailed during the various clashes between police and strikers.

The students have demanded the release of hundreds of their colleagues arrested since July.

Mass meetings creamed by cops

BARCELONA

Police busted two mass meetings at the University of Barcelona while defiant students discussed a government ban on such meetings.

The cops met heavy student resistance at the schools of architecture and economics Nov. 13 when they arrived to clear the buildings. It was the second successive day of police-student clashes as unrest grows over the government's repressive treatment of Spain's students.

Dow protesters charged in Conn.

STORRS, CONN.

Over 100 students occupied the administration centre of the University of Connecticut Nov. 11 to demand amnesty for four faculty members and eight students charged with obstructing Dow Chemical Company recruitment on the campus Oct. 30.

The 12 are threatened with disciplinary action and suspension for their role in a Dow protest which forced cancellation of the company's recruitment procedures.

Administrative work continued throughout the occupation and no attempts at eviction occurred.

Since the Dow protest, administration officials have cancelled scheduled placement interviews on campus by the Grumman Aircraft Company and the Central Intelligence Agency.

Johnson finally finds his niche

HOUSTON

Lyndon B. Johnson may not have been a popular president but he's in great demand as a university lecturer.

According to Rice University officials, there has been a "stampede" of students eager to sign up for a lecture series he is scheduled to deliver next spring.

The school has been turning away applications because Johnson hasn't announced his topic or lecture dates. However, the political science department is allowing students to sign a waiting list to get into the course.