

## OCA professors fired-- York supports student strikers

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Repercussions from the Ontario College of Art strike against the administration reached the Ontario legislature Wednesday.

With support from York and the University of Toronto, students of OCA demonstrated at Queen's Park, demanding remedial action by the Department of Education in the dismissal of two professors.

Fifteen delegates from the Ontario Union of Students met with Education Minister William Davis to urge government intervention in the dispute.

The dispute centres on the firing of teachers Aba Bayefsky and Eric Freifield by principal Sydney Watson. The two agreed with student charges that the administration is instituting curriculum changes without consulting either students or teachers.

York has expressed dismay at Watson's handling of the issue and is reinforcing the OCA students in their protests.

A telegram from the YSC to the OCA student council gives the protesting students York's fullest support.

Glen Murray (VII), York's External Affairs Commissioner, has notified Education Minister Davis of York's position on the issue.

In his statement, Murray said York 'heartily recommends that action be taken toward the reinstatement of the two teachers who were discharged without due justification and that an inquiry be undertaken into the extent of singular and arbitrary rule within the col-

lege.'

Glendon College Council has expressed similar sentiments to the OCA. It feels 'students have been denied their right to participate openly in the making of decisions in the academic community of which they are members.' Such an action, the council insists, is a danger to rights of students everywhere.

A busload of Glendon students participated in the demonstration at Queen's Park.

York's Faculty Association has sent a letter of support to the protesting students. The Faculty Association feels an 'impartial in-

vestigation' into the issue is 'essential'.

After Wednesday's demonstration, Education Minister Davis agreed to survey the situation at OCA today. He will address the students of the College on Monday.

During the past two weeks, students at OCA have boycotted classes and staged several sit-ins at the College, as well as the demonstration at Queen's Park.

Despite all protests, Watson refuses to re-hire the two professors.

John Bowman, a fourth year student at OCA, is leading the student protests. Watson has threatened Bow-

man with expulsion if he fails to confine his activities to student council.

'I consider myself expelled as of now,' says Bowman.

Watson insists he ordered no one to keep planned curriculum changes secret, but the dismissed professors say otherwise.

Vince Kelly, the lawyer called in by the Ontario Union of Students, claims Watson does not have the power to fire the professors.

He says OCA must notify Education Minister Davis before they can be fired.

Watson says this interpretation of the professors' contracts is not correct.

### Res fees to \$950?

H. B. Parkes, vice-president of Finance, has proposed that residence fees be raised next year to 900 dollars for a double room and 950 dollars for a single room.

Fees now stand at 800 dollars and 815 dollars respectively.

Parkes said the fees do not include telephone service for each room, which would raise fees 20 dollars per student.

Parkes' increase was proposed at meetings with representatives from Glendon and York student and resident student councils. The representatives are considering counter-proposals.

The proposals will be voted on at the March 11 meeting of the Board of Governors.



Bloody awful, first they bleed us here then for Residence fees!

### Fees strike over at Moncton

The University of Moncton student strike is officially over.

In a plebiscite held Tuesday February 20, students voted overwhelmingly to suspend the 10-day old strike, which has almost completely halted classes on the campus of 1,100 students.

They also voted to wire Premier Louis Robichaud demanding an immediate answer on the freezing of fees, and to hold a teach-in on the situation Wednesday, February 22.

Students had vowed to stay out of classes until the government had agreed to freeze the fees at their present levels. A referendum on the matter drew 90% of the students to the polls, 85% of which voted in favour of the strike.

The crisis had been precipitated by the announcement of a fee hike by their university administration.

Last week, university president Adelard Savoie, delivered the ultimatum that students missing lecture on Wednesday or after would have to make them up in their spare time or not be allowed to write final exams.

The ultimatum was ignored by the students, who were not in classes Thursday.

Meanwhile, students at the University of Saskatchewan are protesting a tuition fee hike of 80 dollars a year.

Six hundred students marched on the Saskatchewan legislature. A leader of the march said the marchers were trying to point out the low priority the government was giving to education.

### YSC debates CUS, ignores ACSA

York's Student Council is debating withdrawing from the Canadian Union of Students.

At a meeting Tuesday evening, YSC said CUS is performing no useful service and costs too much. York owes CUS 250 dollars (75 cents per student) in fees for last year.

But president John Adams told Excalibur that York will remain in CUS as long as it does not demand payment of last year's fees. Adams said YSC cannot afford to pay fees for two years.

At the same meeting, a motion to put student members of the President's Advisory Committee on Student Affairs under YSC jurisdiction was defeated 15 to 2.

Councillors said the members are already under the jurisdiction of the college councils and that it is the prerogative of the President to choose the members of his committee.

'I am opposed to anything which might tend to recognize ACSA as a legitimate decision-making body,' Adams said.

## Students steal camel, .... army

MONTREAL (CUP) -- Montreal students are now in possession of, among other things, a camel, a go-go dancer, a bus and its driver, a Canadian armored reconnaissance car, a beer-laden brewery truck, and Brigitte Bardot--naked.

The occasion was the University of Montreal's annual inter-faculty stealing contest.

Students led the camel (a real one), on foot, 40 miles from Granby Zoo to the university.

They also stole the throne seat from the Quebec legi-

slature. The lieutenant-governor of Quebec needed it back before February 20 to read the speech from the throne.

Also copped were two policemen, who went along with the gag, but regained their firmness and authority when asked to take their pants off.

Various radio and TV personalities also were pilfered, but a CFOX disc jockey escaped by pretending he was a janitor when 25 students burst in on him.

Brigitte Bardot was 'borrowed' from a local wax

museum (in broad daylight), and Judy LaVache, the 225 pound go-go dancer, really is a cow.

The annual pranks have gotten students into serious trouble in the past.

Last year they were fined for damages when a group of students made off with the hockey sweaters of the entire Detroit Red Wings hockey team, in town for a Saturday game with the Canadiens.

They also stole the Expo '67 master time clock, but the judge could find no evil intent in their actions and dismissed charges.