

Platkin has a better idea (about modes)

Faculty of Science

by Bob Williamson

The Faculty of Science now has student representatives on the Student-Faculty Commission and the Curriculum, Examination and Academic Standards committees.

This is the result of a submission invited by the Faculty of Science from the Faculty-Student Liaison Committee.

In September, the Faculty of Arts and Science was divided into two sections; the Faculty of Arts, and the Faculty of Science, now under Dean H.I. Schiff.

This split left the science faculty without student representation.

But as a result of the submission, the Student-Faculty Liaison Committee is to be made a standing committee of the science faculty, and students on this committee will become full members of the Council of the science faculty.

These decisions await senate approval, and Dr. Stauffer of the science faculty is now interested in working with the arts faculty to seek a liberal science program for arts students.

Freshman Paul Platkin is a Modes dissenter in earnest. Since the Great Revolt he's been to every meeting held on how to improve the course.

Now he and his friends have come up with their own proposals, since it's become apparent that mass change for Modes 171 is not feasible.

Platkin and 11 other students have a plan whereby they would attend a special tutorial with a qualified professor, instead of taking the regular Modes lectures and tutorial.

Professor MacFarland, Modes 171 course director, had said only specially qualified people could teach Modes. So Platkin's group found a professor who was willing to donate his time and energies to running their tutorial.

They will present a detailed outline of their course to the General Education Committee. Platkin said the course will have three sections:

- the study of philosophy of religion;
- the philosophy of esthetics;
- and the philosophy of social science.

The group feels their course will fulfill all the requirements of a Modes course. Platkin called it "a serious attempt to meet the criteria of the Modes faculty."

By proceeding through institutional channels, the group hopes to show that the dissent about the Modes course is real, and that the students themselves can produce a better idea for the course.

If their idea is accepted they hope the General Education Committee may use it in considering future course changes.

U of T to host Socialists

The first Canada-wide Socialist Students Conference will be held at U of T from Dec. 27 to 29, and they'll pass their idle hours chewing over such matters as "the role of students in the struggle for a socialist Canada" and "lessons on international revolt."

Vancouver students are run-

ning a "Send a Student to Toronto for the Conference" fund.

Leaders of the "October Revolution" will report on the Quebec side of things, and the Chairman of the Association to End the War in Vietnam, Joe Young will show up to speed things along.

CAMPUS: WORLD

Police pound protesters again

SAN FRANCISCO

Hundreds of police, some with drawn guns, invaded San Francisco State College Dec. 5 and used Mace to drive 2,000 demonstrators out of the school's beleaguered administrative centre.

Over 25 persons were reported arrested.

The protesters entered the building to storm the offices of administration president S. I. Hayakawa, the "get tough" administrator who opened the campus this week despite student and faculty demands that it stay closed.

The campus was hit with violence all week and was a victim of a police riot Tuesday.

After police repulsed the crowd, Hayakawa spoke over the campus public address system and told the crowd the police had been ordered to clear the campus.

"There are no innocent bystanders any more", he said. The cops then lashed into the crowd with wild-swinging billy clubs, and moved them off campus.

Thursday for the first time, prominent black community leaders demonstrated with the defiant students. Two black clergymen and the editor of a black newsweekly were among those arrested.

There are 100 policemen on duty on the campus at all times with another 600 bivouacked nearby. At least a thousand cops can be mobilized in minutes to quell any disturbances on campus.

The dispute began last month when a Black Panther was suspended from lecturing duties at the school after he urged his students to carry guns to defend themselves from "racist administrators."

Campus cops cop more power

PITTSBURGH

Students and faculty at Duquesne University last week voted 1,113-192 in favor of keeping chemical Mace on the campus. They favored by a vote of 986-206 the carrying of mace by campus police inside school buildings.

The campus referendum followed a recent six-hour sit-in demanding a vote on the issue.

Of 43 security officers in the university, 18 carry the chemical spray, which has the effect of temporarily immobilizing its victim.

End in sight for Mexican mish-mash

MEXICO CITY

The four month long strike of Mexican University students that erupted into wide-scale violence and bloodshed may be ending.

The national student strike council Dec. 4 urged a return to classes, a decision endorsed by most of 20,000 students assembled for a rally in Mexico City.

The council set a Dec. 13 return date and promptly dissolved itself to regroup later as a political action group with the task of building popular support for student demands.

The students left classes at the end of July to protest repressive police action against student protests.

Mexican education minister Augustin Yanewz announced that exams, cancelled in August will be held in the second and third weeks of January.

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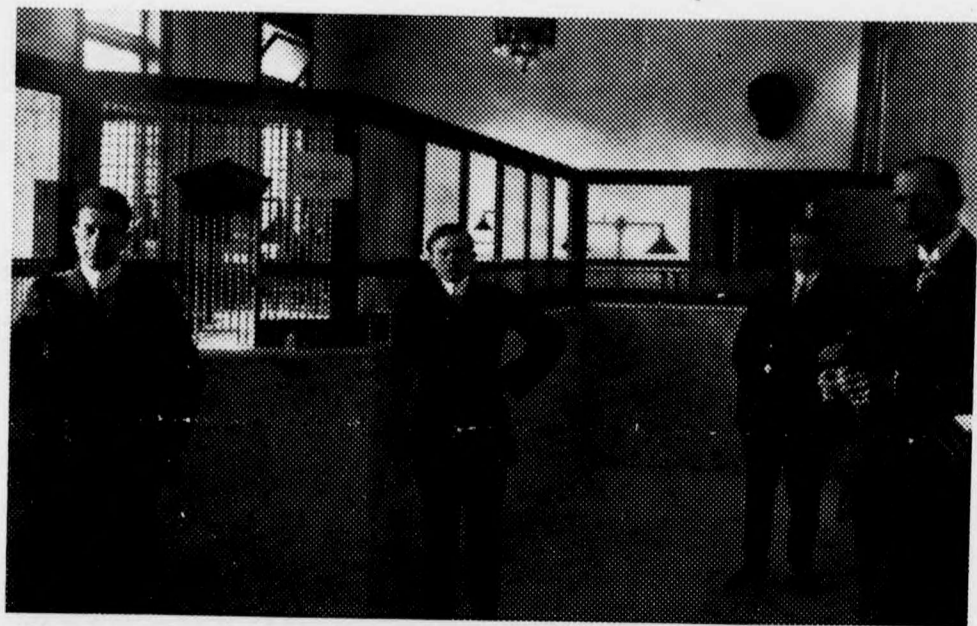
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Founders discovers the true spirit of the season by stealing a tree from the grounds and using it to decorate their JCR. No kidding, gang, it looks great, but won't it be a bit awkward getting it to grow outside in the spring again?